Bible Study on July 30, 2017

My grandmother used to say, "Mercy me!" when she was surprised or shocked at something that was said or was done.

Mercy. For Caesar, it was thumbs up or thumbs down. Live or die.

Mercy. You don't shoot prisoners in times of war.

Mercy. We must forgive each other. We need each other.

"Merciful" embraces the characteristics of being generous, forgiving others, having compassion for the suffering, and providing healing of every kind.

We must reflect in our own hearts the heart of the king. The king gives us, and others, objects of mercy. We should, we must be "others-oriented." What we have received in abundance, we must dispense abundantly. We need to be compassionate toward others.

Forgive and forget. Show mercy and compassion. Jesus says that it should be unlimited.

Since God has shown us great mercy by pardoning our sins, we should in turn forgive the sins of others from their heart. Each of us should bring the focus of mercy and compassion to the level of individual responsibility.

Jesus insisted that his servants, us, be characterized by mercy and forgiveness.

So we should. So we will. He insists on it.

**This week's Scripture is Matthew 5:7 and 18:21-35.**

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