

God is MERCIFUL

God is – August 23, 2026 – Pastor Jason

Lamentations 3:21-23 (NLT) 21 *I still dare to hope when I remember this:* 22 *The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His MERCIES never cease.* 23 *Great is his faithfulness; his MERCIES begin afresh each morning.*

Ephesians 2:3-5 (NLT) 3 *All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature, we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else.* 4 *But God is so rich in MERCY, and he loved us so much,* 5 *that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)*

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NLT) 9 *You are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.* 10 *"Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no MERCY; now you have received God's MERCY."*

Mercy is always UNDESERVED.

John 8:1-11 (NLT) 1 *Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,* 2 *but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.* 3 *As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.* 4 *"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery.* 5 *"The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"* 6 *They were trying to trap him into saying something they could...*

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...use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.

Jeremiah 17:13 (NCV) *Lord, hope of Israel, those who leave you will be shamed. People who quit following the Lord will be like a name written in the dust, because they have left the Lord, the spring of living water. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right... "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. 9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" 11 "No, Lord," she said. 11 ... And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."*

God's mercy requires our RESPONSE.

Our response to God's mercy is to GO AWAY from what we know so we can follow Him.

Psalm 23:6 (NKJV) *"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."*

"You may sooner drain the sea of its water than diminish the great mercy of God." – Charles Spurgeon

Isaiah 30:18a (NCV) *The Lord wants to show his mercy to you. He wants to rise and comfort you.*

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed in knowing that, even though you did nothing to deserve it, God has showered His mercy on you simply because He loves you.
- Be blessed as you respond to God's mercy by going away from what you know so you can follow Him every day of your life.
- Be blessed as you find rest in God's nature, knowing He is and always will be merciful.
- Be blessed today in Jesus' name.