



TTWM Selah

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassion fails not. They are new to us each day.
(Lamentations 3:22)

I was recently reading Corrie Ten Boom's book, *The Hiding Place*. One of the things that was prevalent throughout the book was the mercy of the Lord. Corrie survived many things that the average person would not have survived. Her sister Betsie lost her life at Ravensbruck, a German concentration camp. Before she died she said to Corrie, "*We must tell them that there is no pit so deep that He is not deeper still. They will listen to us, Corrie, because we have been here.*" Corrie would later share this message all over the world.

Mercy runs deep in the heart of God. We are blessed to have His hand of mercy and grace upon our lives. Many times this mercy is unseen and untold. We don't truly know what could have happened that God's hand of mercy prevented. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me.... (Psalm 23:6) Mercy will follow you wherever you go... to the operating room, to the bank, to the jail, and everywhere.

We can receive mercy even in the things that we have done wrong. We see an example of this in the Scriptures (John 8). The woman was caught in adultery and her accusers brought her before Jesus. The law said she should be stoned, but mercy said NO! As Jesus knelt down and wrote in the dirt he demonstrated what true mercy was in action. He prayed! Each individual walked away because they all had sin in their lives and they too deserved to be punished for something.

Receive God's mercy for your life and situation today. Extend mercy to those who have treated you unfairly. The Father's mercy is new every day and His compassion fails not!

*Mercy Came Running
Like a prisoner set free
Past all my failures to the point of my need
When the sin that I carried was all I could see
Mercy came running to me*

(From the song Mercy Came Running-Philips, Craig & Dean)

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that your mercy follows us wherever we go! We make a choice to receive it today. We kneel down as Jesus did and we pray extending your mercy to others. Lord thank you for the newness of your mercy today in my life!