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A People of Mercy in a Cancel Culture

# John 8:1-11

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**Mercy is for the person in trouble,  
regardless of how they got there.**

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**As the family of Jesus, we do not  
participate in cancel culture.**

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# BIBLICAL TEXTS:

**Matthew 5:7**  
**Ephesians 2:4-7**  
**1 Peter 1:3**  
**2 John 3**  
**Joshua 20:1-4**

**“Your message really resonated with me because in my subconscious, I had cancelled myself. I have to give myself grace and mercy... everyday. Being kind to myself feels so much better.”**

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**Mercy catches stones and offers a canopy of forgiveness, love, compassion, and grace.**

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**“I desire mercy...”**  
**Matthew 9:13**

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# What is mercy?

- **Mercy is active compassion toward others.**
- **Mercy is the moral response to a relational breach.**
- **Mercy is for people who don't have it all together.**

# What effect does mercy have on our living?

1. Breeds hope because mercy says God's love is greater than fear of mistakes. (2 Peter 1:3)
2. Qualifies our witness because mercy gives life. (Ephesians 2:7)

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- 3. Restores dignity to others and affirms their value. (Joshua 20:4; Luke 10:34-35)**
- 4. Heals the broken heart and gives life. (Psalm 52:8; 2 Corinthians 1:3)**

# How do we give mercy?

- 1. Receive it.**
- 2. Be a minister of Jesus' presence. (Joshua 20:4)**
- 3. Humanize others. (Luke 10:30-35; 2 Corinthians 1:3; Jude 22)**
- 4. Make mercy obvious and frequent. (John 8:10-11)**
- 5. Don't rehearse past mistakes. (Joshua 20:4)**
- 6. Wisely rebuild trust.**

**“Blessed are the merciful” is  
impossible and only HIMpossible.**

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**What will our lives be like when the  
mercy we give others liberates  
them from the chains and burdens  
of their own prison?**

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