




Grace Remembered: Lessons from the Servant



Explore the power of mercy and grace through the parable of the unforgiving servant and its call to reflect God's love.



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Introduction

Why do we so often forget the grace we've received? It is easy to extend forgiveness when it's effortless, but difficult when we ourselves have been deeply forgiven and yet fail to show that same mercy to others. The parable of the unforgiving servant in *Matthew 18:28–30* powerfully reminds us of this human struggle and God's call to live differently.

This Bible study plan invites you to journey through Scripture to better understand the heart of grace and mercy. As you dive into God's Word, you will discover the vastness of God's forgiveness toward you and the responsibility it brings to extend that grace to others. You will explore how forgetting mercy can harden our hearts and hinder our relationships, but remembering grace can transform our lives and communities.

Your walk through these passages will reveal God's desire not only to forgive but also to shape us into people who mirror His compassion. As you reflect and journal through each day, may you be encouraged to cultivate a heart that remembers God's kindness first, refuses to withhold mercy, and joyfully lives in grace.

Let this study refresh your perspective and deepen your love, as you remember deeply the grace you've been given. 🌿





Day 1: Grace That Sets Us Free



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Your Verse

Matthew 18:28-30 NIV - 'But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins...'

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ephesians 2:8 - 'For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.'*
- *Psalms 103:12 - 'As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.'*



Day 1:  Grace That Sets Us Free

Devotional: Freedom Found in God's Grace


The parable of the unforgiving servant begins with a staggering act of mercy; a king cancels a debt that the servant could never repay. This grace sets the servant free, erasing what would have been a lifelong burden.

But freedom isn't fully realized unless it changes how we live. The servant who was released from debt went and demanded repayment from a fellow servant. The irony is painful: having received unearned mercy, he failed to extend that same mercy to another.

Today, remember the unmerited grace God has poured into your life. Our salvation is a gift, completely undeserved, and yet fully given. This grace frees you not just from guilt, but from the chain of revenge and bitterness. When you grasp this truth deeply, you no longer hold grudges or debts against others because you yourself have been forgiven much.

Take time to reflect on how this freedom empowers you to forgive and release others as God has forgiven you.



Day 1:  Grace That Sets Us Free


Reflect and Apply

1. How does remembering God's forgiveness affect the way you treat others?

2. Are there people you are holding a 'debt' against? How might grace help you release this?

3. What feelings arise when you think about the debt God has forgiven you?



Day 1:  Grace That Sets Us Free


Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time you experienced God's mercy in a way that changed you.




2. Describe any 'debts' or offenses you struggle to forgive in your life.

3. Reflect on how grace frees you from bitterness or resentment.



Day 1:  Grace That Sets Us Free

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for the incredible grace that covers all my wrongs. Help me to never forget how deeply You have forgiven me. Teach me to extend the same mercy to those around me, especially when it is hard. Soften my heart and remove any bitterness that stands in the way of true forgiveness. Lord, I want to live in freedom, reflecting Your love and grace every day. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*   





Day 2: 💔 The Danger of Forgetting Mercy



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Your Verse

Matthew 18:30 NIV - 'He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.'

Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 12:15 - 'See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.'*
- *Colossians 3:13 - 'Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.'*



Day 2: ❤️ The Danger of Forgetting Mercy

Devotional: Guarding Your Heart With Mercy

When the servant forgot the mercy he received, his heart hardened. Instead of showing compassion, he demanded repayment and used harshness toward the one who owed him. This reaction illustrates a dangerous spiritual trap: forgetting mercy leads to bitterness and cruelty.

God's Word warns us about the root of bitterness that can grow unnoticed and poison our lives and communities. Forgiveness is not optional; it is a command that protects our hearts from hardening and breaking relationships.

Consider how forgetting grace might have affected your heart and your actions. Do you ever find yourself quick to judge or harsh toward others because you forget the depth of God's mercy toward you? Today's reflection encourages you to intentionally remember mercy to guard your heart and live a life marked by kindness.

Choosing mercy keeps our hearts soft and allows God's love to flow through us freely.



Day 2: ❤️ The Danger of Forgetting Mercy

Reflect and Apply

1. What are some signs that your heart may be hardening toward others?

2. How might bitterness impact your relationships and spiritual walk?

3. In what ways can remembering God's mercy guard your heart against bitterness?



Day 2: ❤️ The Danger of Forgetting Mercy

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a recent time you reacted harshly—what might have helped you respond with grace?

2. Reflect on areas of your life where bitterness might be growing.

3. Record steps you can take to actively remember and live out God's mercy daily.



Day 2: ❤️ The Danger of Forgetting Mercy

Prayer for Today


Lord Jesus, I confess that sometimes I forget the great mercy You have shown me. Forgive me for the times I have been harsh or unforgiving toward others. Help me to guard my heart against bitterness and cultivate mercy instead. Renew my spirit with Your love so that I may reflect Your grace in all my relationships. May my life be a witness to Your kindness. *Thank You, Jesus.*
Amen. ❤️ 🙏 🌸





Day 3: Living as a Merciful Servant



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Your Verse

Matthew 18:33 NIV - 'Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?'

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 6:36 - 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.'*
- *James 2:13 - 'Mercy triumphs over judgment.'*



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Devotional: Called to Reflect God's Mercy Daily

God's question to the unforgiving servant pierces our hearts today: 'Shouldn't you have had mercy just as I had on you?'

Our merciful God calls us not only to receive grace but to actively extend it to others. Living as merciful servants means embracing forgiveness as a lifestyle — a reflection of Christ's love in our daily lives.

How do we embody this mercy? By choosing kindness over judgment, patience over anger, and grace over retaliation. It's a daily decision to mirror God's heart through our actions. Though difficult at times, reflecting His mercy brings freedom, peace, and restores relationships.

Reflect on how your life can be a testament to the grace you've received. God's mercy frees you to love without limits and forgive without condition. Today, embrace your calling to live mercifully, shining God's light in a world so desperate for compassion.



Day 3: 🌿 Living as a Merciful Servant


Reflect and Apply

1. What does it mean for you personally to live as a merciful servant?

2. How can you practically extend mercy in difficult situations this week?

3. In what ways does reflecting God's mercy impact those around you?



Day 3:  Living as a Merciful Servant

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a relationship where you can practice greater mercy.

2. List specific actions you can take to show God's kindness this week.

3. Reflect on how living mercifully changes your heart and outlook.



Day 3: 🌿 Living as a Merciful Servant

Prayer for Today

Gracious Father, thank You for reminding me of Your mercy and the call to share it with others. Help me to live as a servant marked by compassion and grace. Give me strength to forgive, patience to understand, and love that reflects Your heart every day. May my life be a beacon of Your mercy in this world. *In Jesus' name, Amen.* 🌿 ❤️ 🙏 ✨





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