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THE
MIRACLE
OF MERCY

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*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked,
“Lord, when someone won’t stop doing
wrong to me, how many times must
I forgive them? Seven times?”*

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Jesus answered, “I tell you, you must forgive them more than seven times. You must continue to forgive them even if they do wrong to you seventy-seven times.

(Matthew 18:21-22- Easy To Read Version)

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THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING SERVANT

(MATTHEW 18:23-35)



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MERCY:

Undeserved forgiveness &

Unearned kindness



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MERCY MEANS THAT
GOD *FORGIVES* ME

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4 Facts About *Forgiveness*

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God wants to forgive me.

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You are a God of forgiveness, always ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and full of love and mercy.

(Nehemiah 9:17 – The Living Bible)

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*You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy.*

(Micah 7:18 – New International Version)



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God *freely* forgives me.



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All of us have sinned . . . yet now God declares us 'not guilty' of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away our sins.

(Romans 3:23-24 – The Living Bible)



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God *immediately* forgives me.



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God is merciful and quick to forgive.

(Isaiah 55:7 – Today's English Version)

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God *completely* forgives me.



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. . . God forgave all our sins. He canceled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.

(Colossians 2:13-14 – New Living Translation)

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You will have mercy on us again; you will conquer our sins. You will throw away all our sins into the deepest part of the sea.

(Micah 7:19 – New Century Version)

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Mercy triumphs over judgment!

(James 2:13 – New International Version)



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MERCY MEANS THAT
I *FORGIVE* OTHERS

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*Forgive the sins we do, just as we
forgive those who do wrong to us.*

(Matthew 6:12 – International Children’s Bible)



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MERCY QUIZ



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*A person should not be forgiven until
he or she asks for it. TRUE/FALSE*



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*You haven't really forgiven
until you've forgotten. TRUE/FALSE*



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Forgiving means minimizing the offense & denying the pain. TRUE/FALSE



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When I see someone hurt, it is my duty to forgive the offender. TRUE/FALSE

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My forgiveness for others
is *unconditional*.

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Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

(Ephesians 4:32 – The Message)



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My forgiveness for others
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You must continue to forgive them even if they do wrong to you seventy-seven times.

(Matthew 18:22- Easy To Read Version)

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*If your brother or sister sins, warn them to stop.
If they change their hearts and lives,
forgive them.*

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one appearing to be in pain or being held in support. The background is a dark, textured wooden surface. The text 'THE MIRACLE OF MERCY' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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Even if someone sins against you seven times in one day and returns to you seven times and says ‘I am changing my ways,’ you must forgive that person.”

(Luke 17:3-4 – Contemporary English Bible)



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4 Steps That Lead To *Forgiveness*



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STEP 1: Recognize no one is perfect



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For there is not a righteous man on earth who only does good and refrains from sin.

(Ecclesiastes 7:20)



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STEP 2: Relinquish your
right to get even



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Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to God's wrath, for it is written: 'Vengeance is Mine. I will repay,' says the Lord.

(Romans 12:19)



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STEP 3: Respond to those who
have hurt you with good

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, one appearing to be an adult's and the other a child's, set against a dark, textured wooden background. The text 'THE MIRACLE OF MERCY' is overlaid in white, sans-serif font.

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Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who treat you badly Lord.

(Luke 6:28 – Phillips Bible)

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If your enemy is hungry, give him some food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him some water to drink.



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In this way you will make him feel guilty and ashamed, and the LORD will reward you.

(Proverbs 25:21-22 – God's Word Translation)



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*. . . it may cause a change in heart,
and the Eternal One will repay you.*

(Proverbs 25:22 – The Voice)



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STEP 4: Refocus on God
and His love

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*Love doesn't keep a record of wrongs
that others do to us.*

(1 Corinthians 13:5 – Contemporary English Version)

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Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you. Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together against a dark, textured wooden background. The larger hand is on the right, and the smaller hand is on the left, reaching up to be held. The lighting is soft, highlighting the skin tones and the grain of the wood.

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Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant.

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He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

(Ephesians 4:32 – 5:2– The Message)



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OF MERCY

You can't spell *MERCY*
without *ME*



THE
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Let's Pray