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Duet 4:31 For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.

2 Chronicles 30:9 For if you return to the LORD, your brothers and your children will find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away his face from you, if you return to him.”

Psalms 116:5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

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Grace – getting what we don't deserve

Mercy-not getting what we deserve

And More...

Compassion, unmerited favor, to forgive or pardon

The Pharisee - Luke 18:9-12

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’

The Tax Collector - Luke 18:13-14

¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Experiencing God's Grace & Mercy

- We must measure our righteousness against God's holiness.
- We must be honest about our sin.
- We must humbly admit our need for God's grace and mercy.
- We must "cry out" to God.