

Part 5

The Cupboard's Open

Hebrews 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord 's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Hebrews 11:6

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Message notes:

It doesn't do any good to come boldly and walk away

_____.

We are coming to _____. Don't leave empty handed.

Our Father has given us the access to Him to an _____ of mercy and grace.

When you come to get mercy there's a _____ of "I need it."

You can't receive the benefits of the sacrifice and the power of His blood, unless you learn to come _____ to receive mercy.

Message notes:

Mercy doesn't just say "I forgive you." Mercy says "I'm going to _____ and restore you."

Grace has much more to do with _____ and strengthening, it is God's resources to help you be restored and not give up.

The situation may not change immediately, but something has _____ inside of you.

God loves people to be _____, not just ask one time.

Discussion Questions:

Why is God so willing to continually have mercy on us? Can we exhaust His mercy?

Why does God want us to be bold and diligent in how we go after His mercy and grace?

Why do we often receive God's mercy in the moment, but not stand in it for longer times?

What changes in your life when you stop standing in your own strength and begin to stand in the power of God's grace?

Why are there times that we don't feel cleansed or empowered right away?

How do you hang on to your faith in the waiting times?

Ministry Time Questions:

Does anyone feel like they have exhausted God's mercy and cannot receive from Him?

Is anyone feeling overwhelmed in a season of waiting for God's grace?