

## **MARCH 10-16**

MONDAY 3/10 LAMENTATIONS 2:19-27

God's grace is unending, renewing each day. No matter how often we fall short, His mercy is never exhausted. This passage reminds us that our failures do not define us — God's faithfulness does. His love is not dependent on our perfection but on His unchanging character. Each morning is a fresh start, an invitation to repent, trust in His grace, and walk in His ways.

1. How does knowing God's mercy is renewed daily give you hope? Have you ever felt like you had used up God's grace? How does this passage challenge that feeling?

2. Since God's mercy is unending, how can you extend grace to others as God has to you?

Jesus' call to Levi (Matthew) demonstrates His heart for sinners. Rather than seeking out the religious elite, Jesus invites a tax collector – despised by society – to follow Him. Levi's response is immediate and joyful, showing that God's grace changes lives. The Pharisees, however, struggle to understand why Jesus spends time with sinners. But Jesus makes it clear: He came to heal the spiritually sick, not to congratulate the self-righteous. His grace meets us where we are and calls us to turn from sin and follow Him.

- 1. In what ways have you seen God's grace transform lives, including your own?
- 2. Do you ever have to check yourself so that you have the attitude of Jesus and not the Pharisees toward sinners? What tempts us to look down on other people and their sin?

WEDNESDAY 3/12

# **ROMANS 2:1-4**

God's grace is not a free pass to continue in sin but an invitation to turn to Him. God's kindness, patience, and mercy are meant to draw us to repentance, not make us complacent. Paul warns against judging others while ignoring our own need for grace. Instead of assuming we are better than others, we should recognize that we all stand in need of God's mercy. True repentance comes when we grasp the depth of God's kindness and respond in humility.

- 1. How have you experienced God's kindness leading you to repentance in your own life?
- 2. What does this passage teach about the connection between God's patience and our response to God?

### 2 PETER 3:1-10

As Peter writes about Jesus' return, he reminds us that God's timing is not like ours. While we might wonder why God delays in bringing justice or final judgment, His patience is a demonstration of His grace. He longs for all people to turn from sin and receive salvation. So Peter reminds us that every day God tarrys (waits) is another opportunity for repentance. Rather than growing impatient or indifferent, we should see His delay as an act of love, urging us to share the gospel and to turn our own hearts fully to God.

- 1. How have you seen God's patience at work in your life?
- 2. How does knowing that God desires all to come to repentance shape the way you pray for, and speak to, others?

FRIDAY 3/14

#### PSALM 86

In the midst of this Psalm of lament, we are reminded that God's forgiveness is not limited – it is abundant. His love is not reserved for a select few but is available to all who seek Him. No matter how great our sins, when we turn to God, He responds with mercy and love. This verse reminds us that repentance is not met with reluctance but with joy. The Lord is eager to forgive and restore. Our response should be to approach Him with confidence, knowing that His grace is greater than our failures.

- 1. Why is it important for us to not be weighed down by our past mistakes and sins? When we don't let them go, what does it suggest about what we think of God's forgiveness?
- 2. What does it mean to you that God is "abounding" in love and forgiveness?

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY 3/15-16

# **LUKE 13:1-9**

Jesus challenges the assumption that tragedy is a direct result of someone's personal sin. Instead of focusing on why bad things happen to others, He calls everyone to examine their own hearts. The parable of the barren fig tree reinforces this warning—God's patience is not infinite. He gives time for repentance, but there will come a moment when that time runs out. His grace is an opportunity, not a guarantee that we can delay turning to Him. True repentance bears fruit in our lives, showing evidence of a transformed heart.

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2. How do you read the parable of the fig tree in the vineyard (v 6-9)?

Verse for the week:

"...God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance."
(Romans 2:4b)

# **SERMON NOTES**