#### When Apologies Don't Come

In the past after yet another failure, I often thought, "Isn't God tired of my asking His forgiveness?" Then I discovered a comforting verse in Psalm 146:5, "God takes pleasure in those who...hope in his mercy." It was as though He said, "I'm especially delighted when you hope in My mercy rather than despair because you've failed." What comfort this verse often gives me.

Then one day someone hurt me, and I thought I should receive an apology. None came. I prayed for grace, and the Lord lifted my feeling of hurt—except when I'd begin thinking about the situation. How tempted I was to dwell on it!

One morning in my devotions I reread the verse that means so much to me when I fail. "God takes pleasure in those who hope in his mercy." The Holy Spirit whispered, "Can you be as grateful for My mercy for him as you are when I give My mercy to you?"

Could I still rejoice in this truth when I thought someone had wronged me? Was I delighting in the fact that he received God's mercy? Was I allowing God to take pleasure in me because I was hoping in His mercy for another? Or did only realizing I'm the recipient of His mercy comfort me? I began to thank God for His mercy for the one who had hurt me and, with relief, suddenly realized I had forgiven him from my heart.

Even if someone does not come seeking my forgiveness, I have an obligation to grant forgiveness and extend mercy—even if the person has sinned against me repeatedly and severely. My forgiveness of others is a pre-requisite for me to receive forgiveness.

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"Forgive us our debts as we forgive us our debtors," is a prayer asking God to forgive us to the same degree we forgive others. Jesus adds a postscript to this prayer: "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:15). If any bitterness or unkindness remains, if we do not clearly, fully, and from the heart, forgive all men their trespasses, God cannot fully forgive us.

Give the gift of Joy!

—Aletha Hinthorn (Used by permission)

Wait for the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
cAnd with Him is abundant redemption.
Psalm 130:7



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A hearty welcome to all who have come to worship. We gather in gratitude before our loving Creator and Sustainer. Let us approach God with purity of heart and reach out to each other with care and joy.

#### Announcements

- June 9 Fellowship after midweek service
- June 20 Father's Day
- June 24-July 4 Victory Grove Camp

### Call to Worship

Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy. God's steadfast love endures forever.

Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning. We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.

—From Psalm 130

### **Offertory Text**

I want the world to know I have a Saviour.

I want the world to know I have a Lord.

And in that crimson flow He washed me white as snow.

I want the world to know; I want the world to know.

I want the world to know so great salvation.

I want the world to know such wondrous love.

I pray my life will show that Christ has blessed me so.

I want the world to know; I want the world to know.

I want the world to know; I want the world to know.

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SERVICES — SUNDAY: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. — WEDNESDAY: Midweek Service 7:00 p.m.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee; Mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—BCP

## **Prayer Requests**

- **This** month we are praying especially for our conference officials and Victory Grove Camp.
- Pray for **comfort** and healing for Amy O'Shea and brother Geoff who are mourning the death of Mary O'Shea.
- **Pray** for our nation during this uncertain time. **Pray** for the pulling down of the strongholds of evil in our land. (II Corinthians 10:4)
- **Pray** for the persecuted church, and Christians in danger all over the world.
- **Continue** to pray for:
  - Special requests for those on our hearts, especially Leann, MaryBeth, Byron S., Keith A., Rowan S., and Steven H.
  - The village of **Middleburgh**, that we will reach people with hungry hearts and have fruitful results in our ministry.
  - Missionaries: Nichole Barr, the Blackcalfs, the Davises, the Himelicks, the Millses, the Samborskis, Jack Sherman, Judy Sherman, and the T. Shermans.
  - Bible Colleges GBSC, PVBI, AWC, UBC, HSBC
  - Safety and protection for our Armed Forces.
  - Our President, Congress, and Supreme Court, that they may make righteous choices.
- Pray for these physical need requests:
  - Ashley Blackmon, Rollin Mitchell, Maureen G, Jenae Peabody, Shelby, Shannon, Avis Blowers, Lois Schenck, Rosemary Snyder, Duane and Dorothea Maxey.
  - Those affected by the pandemic.

#### Suggested Daily Scripture Reading

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
OT 1 Kings 1:1-53	1 Kings 2:1-3:2	1 Kings 3:3-4:34	1 Kings 5:1-6:38
NT Acts 4:1-37	Acts 5:1-42	Acts 6:1-15	Acts 7:1-29
PSA Psalm 124:1-8	Psalm 125:1-5	Psalm 126:1-6	Psalm 127:1-5
PROV Proverbs 16:24	Proverbs 16:25	Proverbs 16:26-27	Proverbs 16:28-30
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Kings 7:1-50	1 Kings 8:1-66	1 Kings 9:1-10:29	1 Kings 11:1-12:19
Acts 7:30-50	Acts 7:51-8:13	Acts 8:14-40	Acts 9:1-25
Psalm 128:1-6	Psalm 129:1-8	Psalm 130:1-8	Psalm 131:1-3
Proverbs 16:31-33	Proverbs 17:1	Proverbs 17:2-3	Proverbs 17:4-5

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