



## Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

Next Meeting **May 10**

TODAY'S A NEW DAY!!!!

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# God's New Mercies

**Lamentations 3:22-24** "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him" (NIV)

**Mercy Definition:** compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.

**Situation:** In Lamentations we find that the prophet Jeremiah is weeping and grieving the destruction of Jerusalem. It grieved him to see what became of the city, knowing that it could have been avoided. How many times did God send a warning and the people did not hear? But Jeremiah remembered God's promises regarding His people and he began to declare, "Great is God's Faithfulness".

**Observation:** Just like the people who lived in Jerusalem, we are given warnings to turn to God, to repent and give our heart to God, to surrender to God's will and His way. But just like the people in Jerusalem, we often do not listen and we make excuses on the WHY we do not listen or follow his plan. On a personal note, are you following God's word and His plan for your life? Have you forgiven others? Do you Love others according to Gods Word? Do you show mercy and compassion towards others?

**Inspiration:** God is faithful and just to forgive us of all our sins, we just need to turn back to Him. Jeremiah declared that it was because of God's mercies that we were not consumed.

**Application:** As women we need to learn how to forgive those that have wronged or hurt us. Take the time to think about Gods mercies.... Now ask yourself, "Did you deserve it?" Remember we do not deserve his loving kindness; BUT!!! God's mercies are new every morning, so what you did yesterday is your past. So, it is important that we learn how to forgive others and extend mercy and Love to them as God through Christ has done for us. Let us walk in the fruits of the spirit and the faithfulness of Gods Love.

**Review Exploration** section; read scriptures and be ready to discuss.

1. Are you thankful for God's New Mercies upon your life?
2. Do you extend Mercy, Love and Forgiveness to others?
3. Why do you find it hard to forgive those that have wronged you?
4. How to move forward when others have wronged and hurt you?

## Exploration:

### *Forgiving Others*

- Matthew 6:14-15 - For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
- Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
- Colossians 3:13 - bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.
- Mar 11:25 - Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

### *Fruit of the Spirit*

- Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

### *Faithfulness*

- Psalm 36:5 - Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.
- Psalm 40:10 - I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
- Psalm 89:1-2 - I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.
- Psalm 92:2 - I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- Psalm 119:90 - Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.