**Complete Identification with Others**
Matthew 5:7
Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Introduction:

1. The unforgiving servant – Matthew 18:23-35.

2. What does this passage tell you about God?

3. What does this passage tell you about the world?

4. What does verse 35 tell you about God’s attitude about mercy?

**I. Showing Mercy Affects Your Relationship with God**

A. How does God expect you to respond when you’ve been mistreated? – Matthew 6:12-15

B. You are saved by G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. – Ephesians 2:8

 1. But – what does receiving Lord Jesus imply?

 2. How does God feel about the unmerciful? – James 2:13

**II. What Does Merciful Mean?**

A. Meaning of the words.

 1. Definitions of the words:

 a. C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 b. S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 c. E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 2. What’s the main idea here?

B. An illustration of the difference in Martha & Mary – Luke 10:38-42.

 1. How did Martha express her love?

 2. How did Mary express her love? – John 12:1-8

**III. What Happens When You Really Try to Do This?**

A. You make F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ & the understanding of the
 intolerance of others much easier.

 1. Pastor’s “Trouble with His Supervisor” story.

 2. How did empathy help him?

B. You make the I\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
 easier to understand.

 1. How does eating the bread help you understand the Lord’s empathy?

 2. How does drinking the cup help you understand the
 Lord’s empathy?

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