

Looking Up: Mercy

Sermon Notes February 4th, 2024

“A Christian is a person who decides to face and live through suffering.”

-Eugene Peterson

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

2 Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

David, in his _____, _____ out to God for _____.

“You know, there is an American myth that denies suffering and the sense of pain. It acts as if they should not be, and hence it devalues the experience of suffering. But this myth denies our encounter with reality.” -Ivan Illich

God gives _____ to David’s suffering and _____.
This is an act of _____. Listening to someone’s pain is a _____ act.

Mercy is _____ reaching out to _____.
-Matthew Kelly

Psalm 130:3-6

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4 But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

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Romans 6:1-4

1 What shall we say, then? **Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?** 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life.**

Romans 15:8-9

8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God’s truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed 9 and, moreover, **that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.**

Psalm 130:5-6

5 I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

6 I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

When you _____ God, you _____ out to Him, _____ for Him, put your _____ in Him, and call others to put their _____ in Him.

Psalm 130:7-8

7 Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

8 He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

The way you show others that you put your hope in Jesus is by showing _____ to one another.

TAKE HOME:

When you follow God you...

- cry out to Him
- wait for Him
- put your hope in Him
- call others to put their hope in Him
- show mercy as he has shown mercy