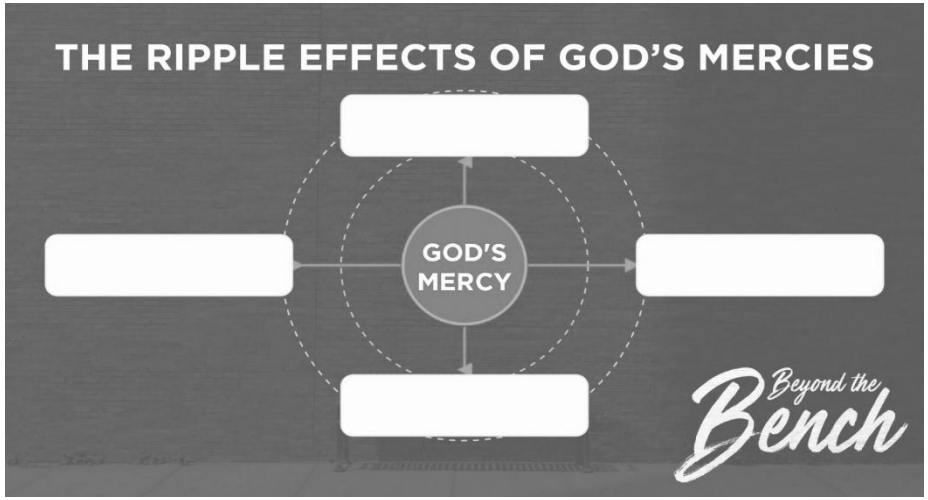
Taking Your Faith Past
Sunday Morning

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The Progression of Spiritual Maturity

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Leaving a Gospel Legacy

- _____ – v.17
- _____ – v.18
- _____ – v.19
- _____ – v.20

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TRANSFORMATION ⇨ _____

Appointment with God – Prayer Focus

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For many years I read the Bible sporadically because "I was supposed to". It was a duty to be checked off a list and that I didn't enjoy. But the psalmist says he DELIGHTS in God's law. How do we move from no interest in the Word to loving it? I have discovered that the Lord does this work in us!

Psalm 119 teaches that God intends us to be in a relationship with Him with His word as the "Go Between". As we choose to walk in His law, as we choose to seek Him with the whole heart and diligently keep His testimonies and precepts, and as we hide His Word in our hearts, God uses His word to teach and guide us, to keep us safe, to enlarge our hearts, and so much more. He opens our eyes to see the richness of His word and to love it more each day.

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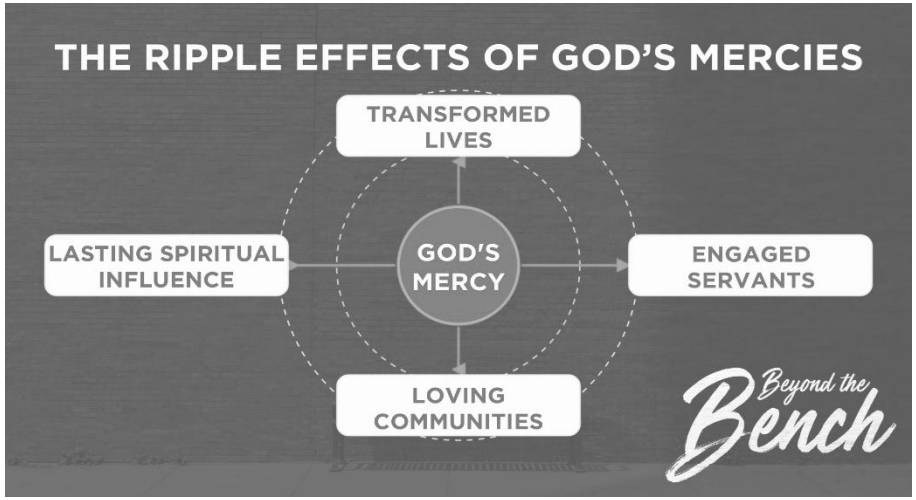
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