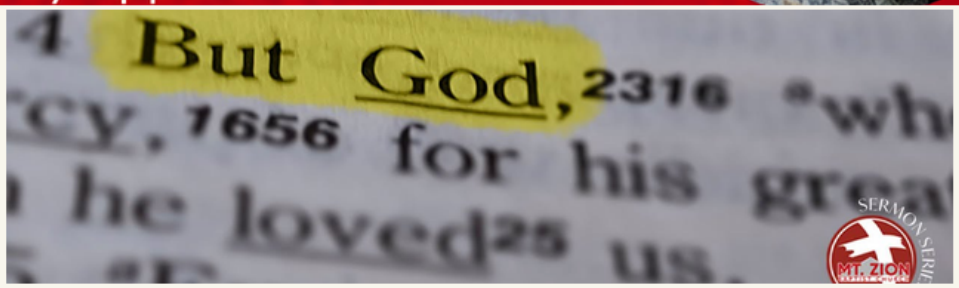
MONDAY MANNA



A Sermon Recap with Weekly Application

Sermon Series:



Message: "I Need Mercy in the Middle" **Philippians 2:25-28**

Epaphroditus nearly died while faithfully serving Paul, yet God showed him mercy. His story reminds us that mercy is more than escaping punishment: it is God's active compassion in suffering. Even when we are doing what is right, life can still hurt. But God meets us in the middle, restores hope, and lets our testimony encourage others.

Quick Bite

1. Mercy Meets You in the Assignment, Not Just the Accident (vv. 25–27)

Epaphroditus became seriously ill while helping Paul. Faithfulness is not a force field against suffering. Even when trouble finds us in obedience, God's compassion can meet us right where we serve.

2. Mercy Meets You Where Your Strength Runs Out (v. 27)

Epaphroditus reached the limits of his strength, but not the limits of God's compassion. When we cannot fix everything ourselves, we can still call on the God who sees our pain and cares for us.

3. Mercy You Receive Becomes the Mercy You Send (v. 28)

Paul sent Epaphroditus home so the church could rejoice. His survival became a visible testimony. Mercy is not meant to stop with us; it gives someone else courage to keep believing.

Big Bite

Ask for Mercy in the Middle

This week, name one place where you feel exhausted, hurt, or overwhelmed—even if you have done nothing wrong. Pray honestly: "Lord, have mercy on me." Then take one restorative step: rest, seek support, or ask someone to share the load.

Make Mercy Mobile

Think of someone facing sickness, grief, caregiving, or a difficult season. Put compassion into motion: call them, bring a meal, offer a ride, pray together, or give them time to rest. Let the mercy you have received become mercy someone else can feel.

The Crumb

"Mercy doesn't wait until the trouble is over. God meets us in the middle—and the mercy that carries us can encourage somebody else."

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