

The background is a light blue gradient with several realistic water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. The droplets have highlights and shadows, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

# THE GOD IMPULSE VI


LUKE 6:36 BE MERCIFUL, JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS  
MERCIFUL. NIV



- THE GOOD SAMARITAN **SAW AND “FELT”** MERCY FOR THE BEATEN ENEMY!

- **THE SMARTIAN WENT TO HIM.** LUKE 10:34

- **LUKE 10:33-35** GOING OVER TO HIM, THE SAMARITAN SOOTHED HIS WOUNDS WITH OLIVE OIL AND WINE AND BANDAGED THEM. THEN HE PUT THE MAN ON HIS OWN DONKEY AND TOOK HIM TO AN INN, WHERE HE TOOK CARE OF HIM. 35 THE NEXT DAY HE HANDED THE INNKEEPER TWO SILVER COINS, TELLING HIM, 'TAKE CARE OF THIS MAN.





- **3 STEPS TO BEING MERCIFUL**

- EMOTIONAL – SAW AND FELT COMPASSION

- INTELLECTUAL – THINKING - IT JUST MAKES SENSE TO DO IT!

- SACRIFICIAL – FOLLOWING CHRIST EXAMPLE

- WE CAN SEE THE NEEDS AROUND US, WE CAN FEEL THE URGE TO DO SOMETHING, WE CAN SPEND A LOT OF TIME THINKING ABOUT IT, **TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT REQUIRES SOMETHING OF US!!!**



- JESUS USES THIS PARABLE TO SHOW US WHAT BIBLICAL LOVE FOR OUR NEIGHBOR (AND ENEMY) SHOULD REALLY LOOK LIKE!
  - IT INVOLVES THE SAMARITAN'S EYES – **HE SAW**
  - IT ENGAGES HIS EMOTIONS(**FEEL**).
  - IT CONCERNS HIS MIND AND JUDGEMENT, GUIDING HIM WHETHER HE SHOULD GO (**COUNTING THE COST**).
  - IT THEN AFFECTS HIS WILL, GIVING EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO HELP NOT JUST A MAN BUT A STRANGER – AND SOMEONE WHO MIGHT WELL VIEW HIM AS A HATED, UNTOUCHABLE ENEMY. (**DO**)

# DISPLACEMENT AND SERVANTHOOD:

- DOING ALWAYS INVOLVES A COMPLICATED WORD – **DISPLACEMENT.**
  - THE MINUTE WE DO, WE GET ON SOMEONE ELSE'S AGENDA, THEY ARE IN NEED OF OUR TIME, ENERGY AND RESOURCES.
- WE END UP WITH DISPLACED PRIORITIES, SCHEDULES, RESOURCES AND HEARTS!
- **SERVANTHOOD MAKES US “DISAPPEAR,” BECAUSE WHEN WE DIMINISH OURSELVES, IT IS EASIER TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE OTHERS.**
- JOHN 3:30; MATTHEW 20:25-28
- IN BUSINESS AND IN LIFE, SO OFTEN WE TRY TO BUILD A RESUME THAT MAKES US DIFFERENT AND REMARKABLE. **DISPLACEMENT REVERSES THIS PROCESS.**

# REAL DISPLACEMENT – THE HURDLE OF FORGIVENESS

- BEYOND HELPING THE NEEDY OR SERVING THE POOR WE NEED TO CROSS A THRESHOLD THAT FOR MANY IS THE MOST CHALLENGING OF ALL – FORGIVENESS!
- THE GOD IMPULSE OF FORGIVENESS:
  - **LUKE 23:33-34** WHEN THEY CAME TO A PLACE CALLED THE SKULL, THEY NAILED HIM TO THE CROSS. AND THE CRIMINALS WERE ALSO CRUCIFIED—ONE ON HIS RIGHT AND ONE ON HIS LEFT.
  - 34 JESUS SAID, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING." AND THE SOLDIERS GAMBLED FOR HIS CLOTHES BY THROWING DICE.
  - **ACTS 7:59-60** AS THEY STONED HIM, STEPHEN PRAYED, "LORD JESUS, RECEIVE MY SPIRIT." 60 HE FELL TO HIS KNEES, SHOUTING, "LORD, DON'T CHARGE THEM WITH THIS SIN!" AND WITH THAT, HE DIED.
  - **1 TIMOTHY 1:12-14** I THANK CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, WHO HAS GIVEN ME STRENGTH TO DO HIS WORK. HE CONSIDERED ME TRUSTWORTHY AND APPOINTED ME TO SERVE HIM, 13 EVEN THOUGH I USED TO BLASPHEME THE NAME OF CHRIST. IN MY INSOLENT, I PERSECUTED HIS PEOPLE. BUT GOD HAD MERCY ON ME BECAUSE I DID IT IN IGNORANCE AND UNBELIEF. 14 OH, HOW GENEROUS AND GRACIOUS OUR LORD WAS! HE FILLED ME WITH THE FAITH AND LOVE THAT COME FROM CHRIST JESUS.

- **MATTHEW 6:12-15** AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE HAVE FORGIVEN THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US. 13 AND DON'T LET US YIELD TO TEMPTATION, BUT RESCUE US FROM THE EVIL ONE. 14 "IF YOU FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST YOU, YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER WILL FORGIVE YOU. 15 BUT IF YOU REFUSE TO FORGIVE OTHERS, YOUR FATHER WILL NOT FORGIVE YOUR SINS.
- **MATTHEW 18:33-35** SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE MERCY ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT, JUST AS I HAD MERCY ON YOU?' 34 THEN THE ANGRY KING SENT THE MAN TO PRISON TO BE TORTURED UNTIL HE HAD PAID HIS ENTIRE DEBT. 35 "THAT'S WHAT MY HEAVENLY FATHER WILL DO TO YOU IF YOU REFUSE TO FORGIVE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM YOUR HEART."
- **MARK 11:24-25** I TELL YOU, YOU CAN PRAY FOR ANYTHING, AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU'VE RECEIVED IT, IT WILL BE YOURS. 25 BUT WHEN YOU ARE PRAYING, FIRST FORGIVE ANYONE YOU ARE HOLDING A GRUDGE AGAINST, SO THAT YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN WILL FORGIVE YOUR SINS, TOO."
- **JOHN 20:22-23** THEN HE BREATHED ON THEM AND SAID, "RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT. 23 IF YOU FORGIVE ANYONE'S SINS, THEY ARE FORGIVEN. IF YOU DO NOT FORGIVE THEM, THEY ARE NOT FORGIVEN."

# ACCOUNTING – DEBTS AND ASSETS

| DEBTS                   | ASSETS                                    |
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| I HAVE WRONGED YOU!     | I WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD THIS AGAINST YOU! |
| WILL YOU FORGIVE ME?    | YES I FORGIVE YOU!                        |
| DEBT FREE               | TOTALLY FORGIVEN AND GONE                 |
| <b>1 Corinthians 13</b> | <b>Hebrews 8:12</b>                       |

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7** Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, 5 Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, 6 Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, 7 Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.


**Hebrews 8:12** And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins." NLT



• **WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE, FORGIVENESS IS CRITICAL. THESE THREE SIDES OF MERCY—FEELING, THINKING, AND DOING (OR IF YOU'D RATHER, EMOTIONAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND SPIRITUAL)—ARE ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL TO UNDERSTANDING GOD'S CHARACTER AND FOLLOWING HIS IMPULSE.**

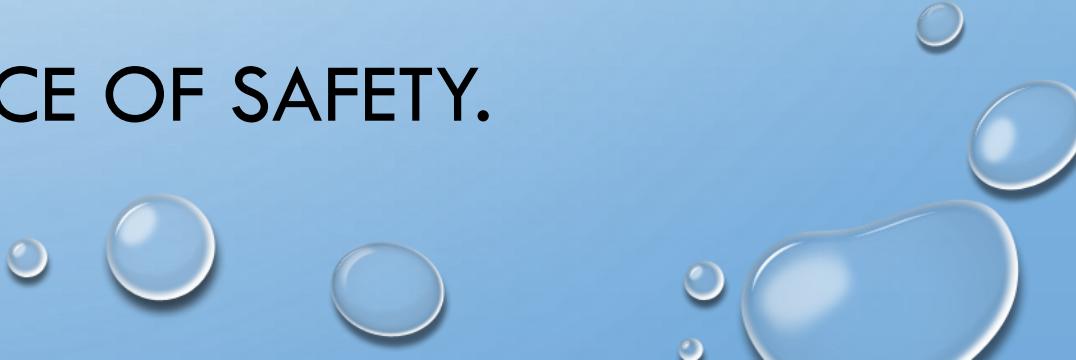
• **I CAN ONLY IMAGINE:**

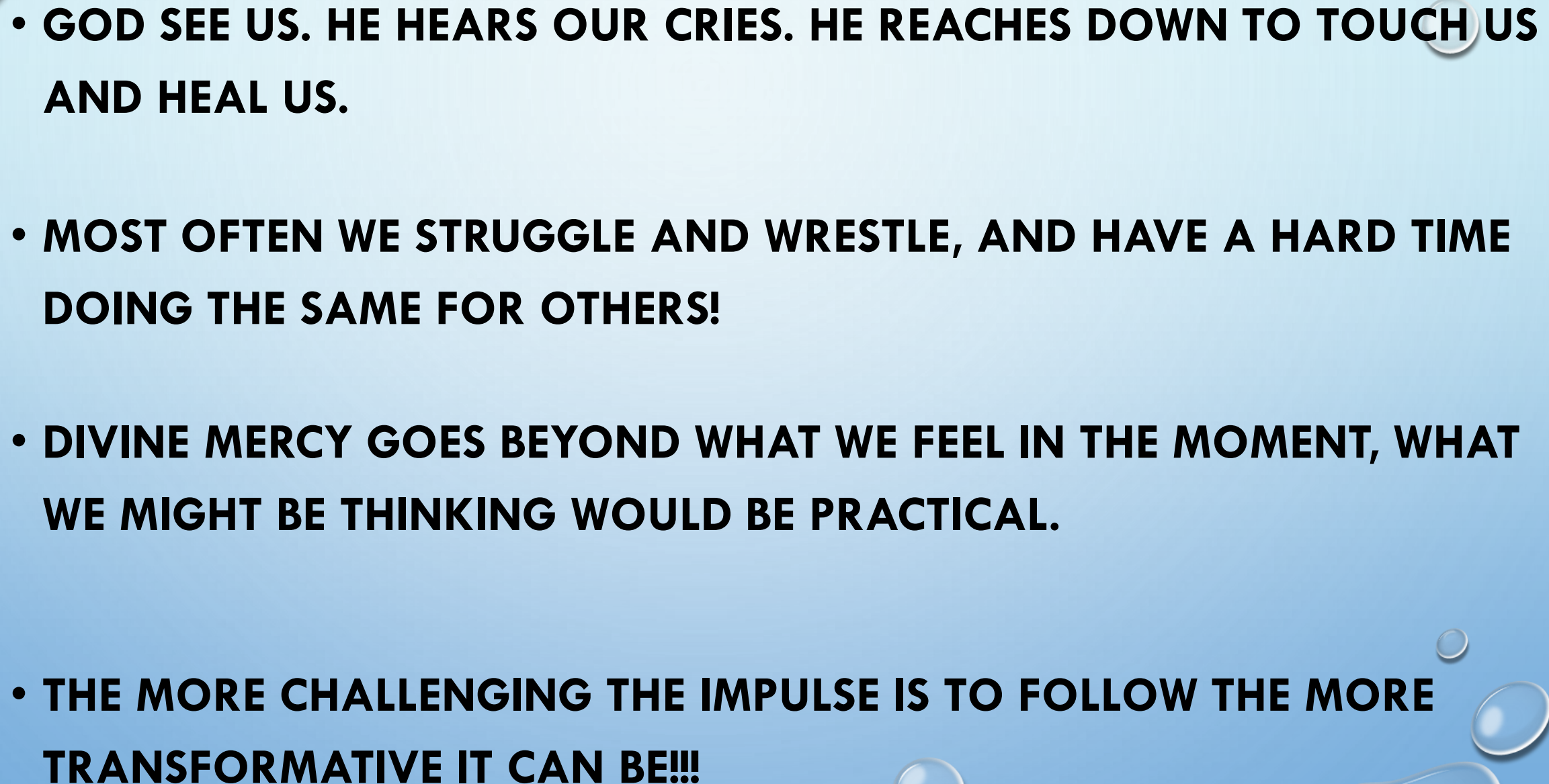
- DO YOU OR DID YOU HAVE A DREAM?
- ARE YOU BEING REAL OR ARE YOU RUNNING FROM SOMETHING?
- LIFE SITUATIONS CAN MAKE YOU BETTER OR BITTER!
- WILL YOU FACE YOUR FEARS AND ALLOW GOD TO TRANSFORM YOU?



- WE CAN BE BOTH ARTHUR AND BART, THOSE WHO HAVE HURT AND NEED MERCY AND FORGIVENESS AND THOSE IN THEIR OWN HURT WHO ARE IN A PRISON OF PAIN AND WOUNDEDNESS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T EXTEND MERCY!

- WE SIN. WE HURT. WE HUNGER FOR HELP. WE THIRST FOR MERCY. WE ARE BOTH INNOCENT AND GUILTY IN NEED OF MERCY! WE NEED A GOOD SAMARITAN TO PICK US UP OFF THE GROUND AND TAKES US TO A PLACE OF SAFETY.



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- **GOD SEE US. HE HEARS OUR CRIES. HE REACHES DOWN TO TOUCH US AND HEAL US.**
  - **MOST OFTEN WE STRUGGLE AND WRESTLE, AND HAVE A HARD TIME DOING THE SAME FOR OTHERS!**
  - **DIVINE MERCY GOES BEYOND WHAT WE FEEL IN THE MOMENT, WHAT WE MIGHT BE THINKING WOULD BE PRACTICAL.**
  - **THE MORE CHALLENGING THE IMPULSE IS TO FOLLOW THE MORE TRANSFORMATIVE IT CAN BE!!!**

