



## Take It Home

*Applying the Preached Word  
Marriage and the Mercy of God  
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Session 1*

**Speaker:** Dave Harvey  
**Text:** Luke 6:27–36  
**Title:** God's Mercy and My Marriage

**Key Idea:** Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful

### **Main Points:**

What does mercy actually “look like” in marriage?

1. Mercy in Kindness
2. Mercy in Covering
3. Mercy for Weakness

### **Questions for Application:**

1. How do I understand God's extension of mercy toward me? Be specific and take time to enumerate how God's mercy has triumphed over my specific sins.
2. Dave said: “How I relate to others reveals my grasp of the gospel.” How do my interactions with my spouse expose my need to grow in my grasp of the gospel?
3. “Kindness is applied compassion in thought and deed.” What is one way I desire to grow in expressing kindness to my spouse?
4. Because of Christ's cross we don't need to live to exact justice; we can be merciful by covering sin.
  - a. What are the sins of your spouse God calls you to cover? How has your spouse covered your sin?
  - b. Express thanks for how your spouse has covered your sin.
  - c. Confess where you haven't pursued covering their sin, but have harboured bitterness.
5. How am I responding to the limitations of my spouse? Am I exercising patient help or ongoing disapproval?
6. What is one way that I can pursue “seeing marriage as a place for ministry”? “Mercy is given to be shared.” Do I see ministering within marriage as means for results or rewards?