

# The Prophetic Imagination

A Thread of Hope

## SERMON SUMMARY

God's mercy is vividly displayed through His unwavering patience and forgiveness towards His people, despite their repeated disobedience. This divine mercy invites us to embrace a life of repentance and compassion, reflecting God's boundless love in our interactions with others.

## KEY VERSES

Joel 2:13 - "Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity."

## SERMON NOTES LINK

<https://bible.com/events/49396848>



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. Read Micah 7:18-20, Isaiah 54:9-10. How do these passages describe God's mercy and love? What do you feel when you read verses like this?
  - o How can we find peace and stability in God's unchanging love?
2. Read Jonah 4:1-4. How does Jonah describe God's character in this verse?
  - o Can you share about a time when you were angry with God for his love toward others?
3. Think of a time when you experienced God's mercy or grace. How did it impact your life?
4. How can you extend that same mercy and grace to someone else this week?
5. How can we cultivate a heart of gratitude for God's mercy and grace?
6. Share one thing you are grateful for and how it reflects God's mercy in your life.
7. Read Hosea 2:23b and Hosea 11:8-9b. Reflect on the concept of God's abounding steadfast love. How does this challenge or encourage you in your faith journey?

## PRAYER EXERCISE

Begin with a time of silent confession, where each person reflects on their own need for God's mercy and grace.

Follow this with a time of sharing, where each person expresses gratitude for a specific instance of God's mercy in their life.

Conclude with a group prayer, thanking God for His endless mercy and asking for the strength to extend that mercy to others.