

## When We Need God's Mercy and Miracles

- I. **We need God's Mercy and Miracles when are facing embarrassment, guilt, shame, and fear.**
  - a. **Our Motto:** I mess up—You mess up—We all mess up! (James 3:2, NKJV; TEV; Romans 3:23, NKJV)
  - b. Example of God's Mercy –the Woman caught in adultery. (John 8:9-11, NIV)
  - c. Jesus does not **condemn** us, nor is He going to **condone** our sins, but He will **change** us! (Psalm 86:5, NKJV)
  - d. We need God's mercy when we face embarrassment, guilt, shame, and fear! (Psalm 86:5, NKJV)
- II. **We need God's Mercy when we are disappointed and discouraged. (John 5:2-23, NKJV)**
  - a. Miracle: Jesus responded to the man's need with Mercy.
  - b. Two Main Problems:
    - i. The man was looking to people for what only Jesus could do.
    - ii. He had an entitlement and excuse problem.
    - iii. Entitlement leads to excuses.
    - iv. Excuses lead to staying where you are spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially.
    - v. Excuses are really nothing more than self-justification for failure.
  - c. One Main Cure:
    - i. Do what Jesus tells us to do and do it when He tells us to do it.
    - ii. **Transformation** takes place during our **participation**.
- III. **We need God's Mercy when we face death. (Luke 23:39-43, NKJV; Luke 23:39, CEV; Luke 16:22-23, NKJV; Luke 16:24-27, NKJV)**
  - a. We must realize the seriousness and consequences of our sins apart from Jesus' forgiveness.
  - b. Until we realize we deserve punishment we will never enjoy the pardon.
  - c. Apart from Jesus we will never be in heaven where it is happy, healthy, and holy!