



# WHAT WE ALL WANT

Exploring Mercy

# What we all deserve isn't the same as what some of us receive...



# MERCY IS ONLY GOOD NEWS IF...

## YOU ALREADY KNOW THE BAD NEWS

Websters defines **mercy** as:

A compassion or forbearance shown especially to an offender or to one subject to one's power

A blessing that is an act of divine favor or compassion

A fortunate circumstance

Compassionate treatment of those in distress



**Mercy** is NOT receiving what we actually deserve.

Consider what you actually deserve as an imperfect person before a perfect, holy God.

If you aren't going to get what you deserve, **WHY** aren't you going to get it?



“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive **mercy** and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

*Hebrews 4:16*

## LET’S LOOK AT SOME WAYS JARL BOTH GAVE AND RECEIVED MERCY AND CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN HAVE IT IN YOUR LIFE, TOO!



**Dive into mercy!  
Grab a pen and paper to take some notes.**

Jarl gave and received mercy in several ways. We’ll look at a few from Chapters 71-80.



# Chapters 71-80



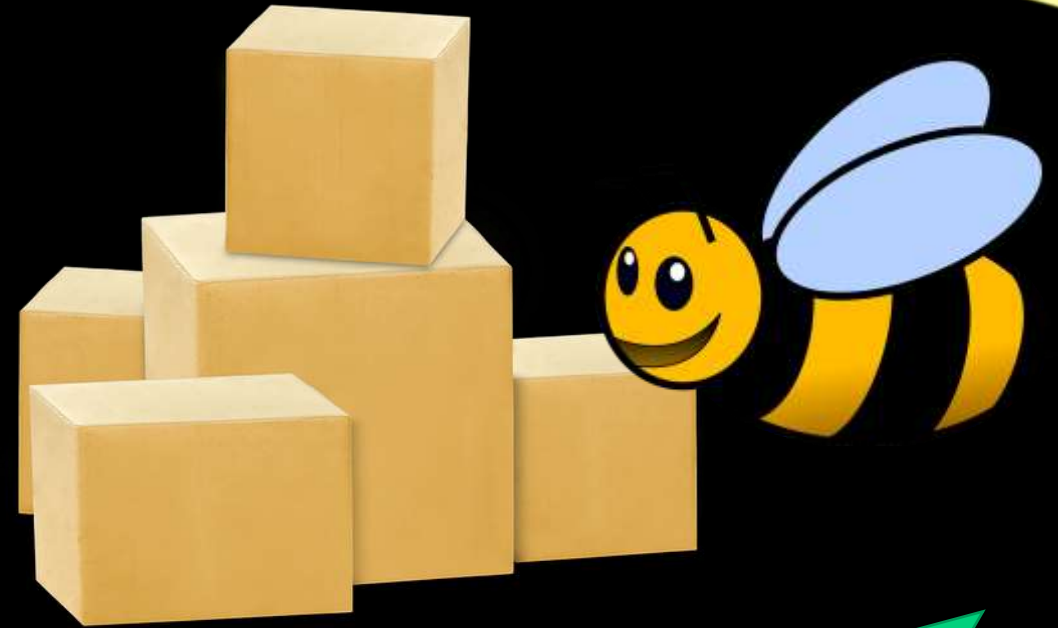
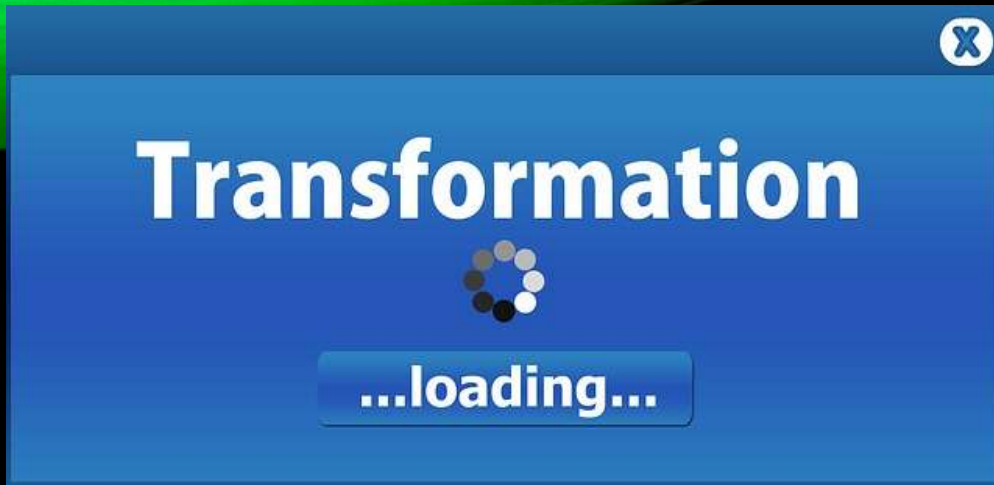
**In Chapter 71, Jarl prepares for his and Tessa's wedding.**

**How did his question to Aneera about being a part of their wedding show mercy?**

**In Chapter 72, Mercy came in the form of an invitation.**

**What was the invitation and who was it from?**





## Merciful changes -

- A time of transformation would soon be arriving to planet earth, as is mentioned in Chapter 73. What kind of bodies would Jesus' followers have?
- Where were Jarl and Tessa during this time?

- In Chapter 74, Hylinna gives Jarl some items to take with him to Haven. What were they?
- Ted and Geneva had something to show Jarl and Tessa when they arrived in Haven. What was it? How was this an extension of mercy to Jarl and Tessa?

# MERCIFUL ARRIVAL

Quinn showed up on Haven in Chapter 76. How did Jarl show **mercy** to him?



How did Ted and Geneva show **mercy** to Quinn?

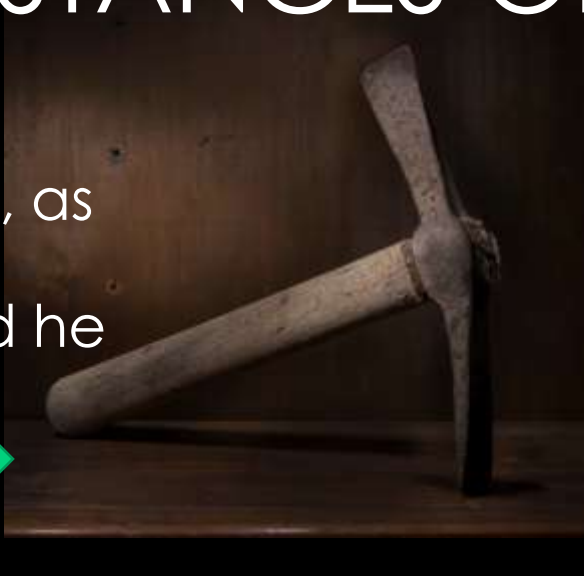
Who else showed **mercy** to Quinn by saving his life?





# INSTANCES OF MERCY

Herbert saved Quinn, as was described in Chapter 77. How did he do it?



Quinn had **mercy** on both Jarl and Tessa in Chapter 78.

How did he help them out?



God showed **mercy** to Herbert and his companion when they were in the cave. How were they protected?





# REPENTANCE LEADS TO MERCY

The rebellion of Satan and all who joined him culminates in Chapter 79. Being on the wrong side of that battle leads to death.

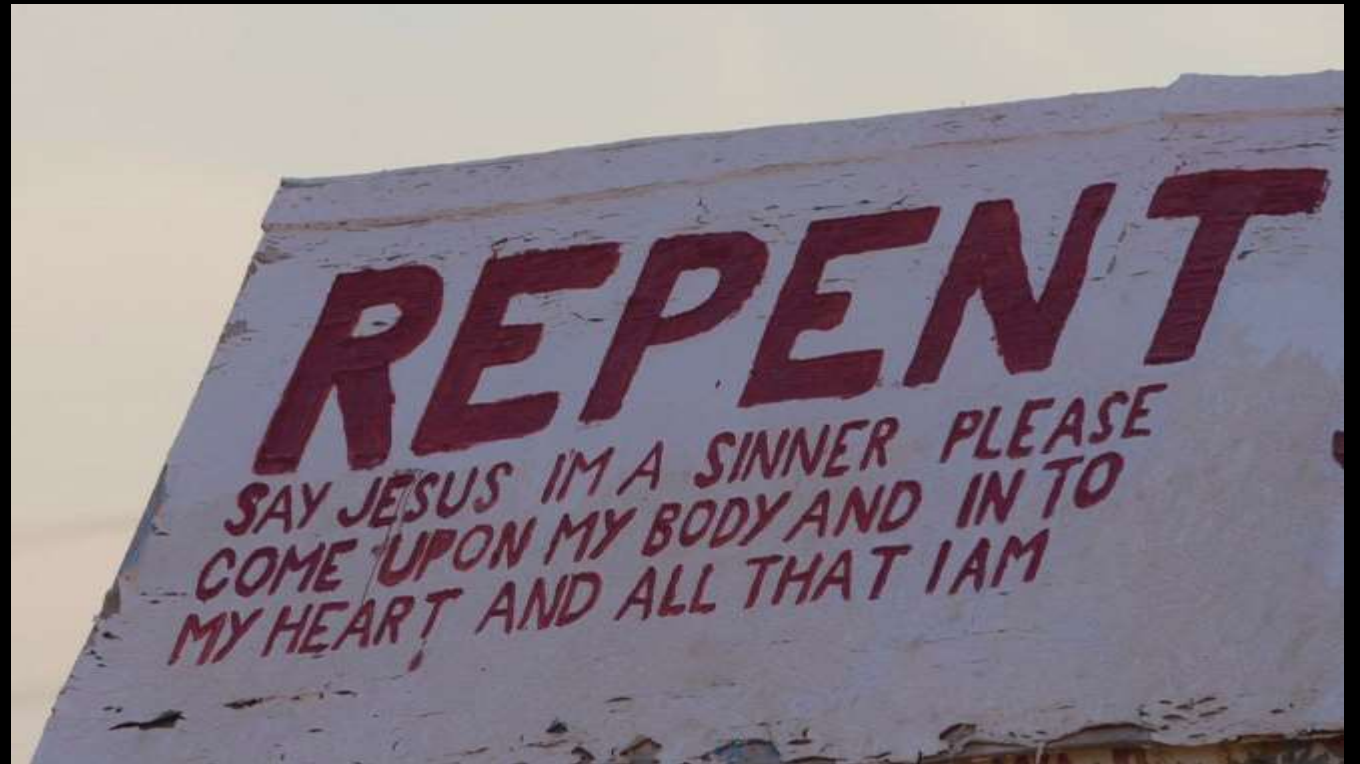
**Repentance** is to turn from rebellion and sin to Jesus; to change one's mind.

"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to **repentance**."

*2 Peter 3:9*

If you repent and turn from your sin, you receive **mercy** because of Jesus paying for your sins on the cross.

**Mercy** is far, far better than judgment!



# THE KEY

Eternal **mercy** is only found  
in one place



“Blessed be the God  
and Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who  
according to His  
great **mercy** has  
caused us to be born  
again to a living hope  
through the  
resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead”

*1 Peter 1:3*

# FINAL MERCIES TO JARL

New Home



New Job



New Life





# REAL-LIFE EXAMPLES OF MERCY

## Esther

Esther went from being a nobody to becoming Queen of an empire. But she had a secret.

The King didn't know about her Jewish background. And when an evil man tried to wipe out all the Jews, Esther had to make a difficult choice. Would she approach the King even though she hadn't been summoned and risk death in order to save her people?

**She did, and she received mercy for herself and all the Jews!**

You can read her story in the book of Esther

## Peter

When Jesus was taken into custody before his crucifixion, Peter tried to stay loyal and followed him. But, he ended up denying Jesus 3 times.

Peter was heartbroken by his actions. He ran out and wept because he had denied his Lord. He remained sad and afraid.

**Until... Jesus extended mercy to him, forgave him and reinstated him.**

You can read his story in John 21

# MERCY IS WHAT WE ALL WANT



And the good news is, we can have it – from God, even if we don't have it from other people.

*It's a gift!*

It's only through Jesus.

Once we have it, we can then extend it to others.

"To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: May **mercy** and peace and love be multiplied to you."

*Jude 1:1b, 2*

# WRAPPING IT UP



## Main Takeaway -

What is your one main takeaway from how mercy was demonstrated in Chapters 71-80?



## Perspective -

What are your thoughts on how **mercy** played out in this section?



## Application -

How is your giving of mercy?  
How about your receiving mercy?

How can you increase mercy in relation to interacting with God?  
Family? Friends? Employer?