

**WEEK 4 – PURSUIT OF MERCY**  
**Day 3 – Mercy Offered**



*Read what?* Deuteronomy 30:1–5



*What?*

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.

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*So what?*

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.

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*Now what?*

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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Mercy is offered to everyone. Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross for the WORLD'S sin. However, if a friend held out a \$20 bill to you, that bill would not be yours until you took it. In the same way, we need to be able to receive the mercy that Jesus is offering us. To receive His mercy, we must repent from our sin. To repent means to turn away from and go in the opposite direction. It means that your life does a 180-degree turn. As you begin to walk with the Lord, He begins to show you areas in your life that you need to turn away from. Our response to sin in our lives should always be one of repentance.

The people of Israel repeatedly hardened their hearts against the Lord and His commands. If we aren't careful, it's easy for us to fall into that trap, as well. We can get complacent with our lives and the sin that is in them. We get comfortable living in our own filth. The story of Josiah is a beautiful picture of the type of response to sin that the Lord will grant mercy to. Josiah took over as king at a young age, and his father was an awful man. Josiah ran the nation as his father before him because he did not know any better. As his priests were cleaning the temple one day, they came across the first five books of the Bible (the Pentateuch).

Josiah read through the scrolls, and it broke his heart how far from the Lord his people had fallen. He immediately went to war against the sin in his nation, burning idols, tearing down temples, and destroying the false gods around him. Because of his response to the sin in his life, the Lord showed mercy on him and his people.

Study Questions:

1. What did God ask the Israelites to do (verses 1–2)?

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2. What would God's response have been in they do what He asks (verses 3-5)?

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Application Questions:

1. When was the last time you went to war against the sin in your life?

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2. What is the hardest part about turning away from sin?

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