

# East Side Church

## Life Notes

### A Divine Valentine

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#### Matthew 5:7

**Biblical Definition:** Biblical mercy is more than pity and compassion because it calls for participation and connection.

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* —Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

**Mercy Mandate #1:** Jesus extends God's mercy to us by entering into our world.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.....And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.* —John 1:14 & 16 (ESV)

**Mercy Mandate #2:** We extend mercy to others by entering into their world as servants.

*"But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* — Luke 18:13-14 (ESV)

**Mercy Mandate #3:** Mercy extended to others becomes mercy returned to us.

*Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.* —Luke 6:36-38 (ESV)