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February 7, 2025 – A 21 Day Journal & Prayer on God's Daily Mercies – Erlinda Cruz

Defining & Understanding Mercies

Today will be a defining and more understanding on mercies. We will continue on the journal next week.

Why This Topic is so Close to My Heart

In the mid-80s I published the first edition of this devotional on God's daily mercies. My heart was so aimed on drawing attention to celebrate God's mercies. I'm a recipient of God's mercies through His Son Jesus. I'm still immensely grateful for the daily mercies I receive up to now.

Lamentation 3:22-23 is my life verse on top of John 3:16 and John 13:34-35.

God just opened my heart with great dependence on these verses that I ate and drank it every moment. The miracle was I understood it clearly and it raised me rightly. So in my 80's I'm grateful to keep these promise of God so close to my heart that I once again wrote this 21 days Journal on God's daily mercies.

Let's look at the definition of mercy in bible terms.

From google:

In the Bible, mercy is God's compassion, kindness, and pity towards people. It is a willingness to help those in need, especially when it would be possible to punish them. Mercy is also a way to show forgiveness.

Examples of mercy in the Bible:

- Healing: God shows mercy by healing people
- Comfort: God shows mercy by comforting people
- Forgiveness: God shows mercy by forgiving people
- Withholding punishment: God shows mercy by withholding punishment that people deserve for their sins

I can relate to mercy withholding punishment on my sins. I believe it's here that I am most affected by the power of mercy I experienced in my life.

The truth and reality were that I deserved to be punished yet I was given mercy and forgiveness and freedom from sin. I am just so broken up with that tremendous power that sets me free! What kindness and what love! It's beyond me and it overwhelmed me. I drowned in His loving kindness forever! What undeserved mercy!

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Mercy in the Old and New Testaments

- The Old and New Testaments both show examples of God's mercy
- The Hebrew word **רחם** is a common root concept used in modern translations of the Bible
- The Greek word **ἐλεως** is used in the New Testament

Mercy and Response

- God's mercy is an expression of his love for people
- How people respond to God's mercy sends a message to others
- People who receive mercy should show mercy to others in turn

(To be continued in the next few days...)

Meantime, will you join me in grateful worship to the Mercy of God: His Name is Jesus!
He is God's Mercy! Mercy is a person! He loved me... He loved you... He loved us..!