

# THE MIRACLE OF MERCY

#3 - *Because God is Merciful, He Can Use Me!*

So then, refuse...to surrender your body as a tool for wickedness. Instead, passionately answer God's call to keep yielding your body to him as one who has now experienced resurrection life! You live now for his pleasure, ready to be used for his noble purpose. <sup>14</sup> Remember this: sin will not conquer you, for God already has! You are not governed by law but governed by the reign of the grace of God... **Romans 6:13-14** (TPT)

## PAUL'S FIVE SECRETS TO BEING USED BY GOD

From 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

1. \_\_\_\_\_

God in his mercy has given us this ministry and work to do. That's why we do not become discouraged and never give up! **2 Corinthians 4:1** (LB)

• **MERCY:** \_\_\_\_\_

You know what I was like...how I violently persecuted Christians. I did my best to get rid of them! ...But then something happened! For it pleased God in his kindness to choose me and call me, even before I was born! What undeserved mercy! **Galatians 1:13, 15** (NLT)

• **If God's mercy is my motivation,** \_\_\_\_\_

Whatever I am now it is all because God poured out such kindness and grace upon me—and not without results: for I have worked harder than all the other apostles, yet actually I wasn't doing it, but God working in me... **1 Corinthians 15:10** (TLB)

Every Saint has a past \_\_\_\_\_ and every Sinner has a \_\_\_\_\_

It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. **Ephesians 2:10** (TLB)

2. \_\_\_\_\_

But we have turned away from secret and shameful ways. We don't use trickery, and we don't change the teaching of God. We teach the truth plainly. This is how we show people who we are. And this is how they can know in their hearts what kind of people we are before God. **2 Corinthians 4:2** (ERV)

Authentic: \_\_\_\_\_

• I must be authentic who I \_\_\_\_\_ and who I \_\_\_\_\_.

I am the most insignificant of the apostles, unworthy even to be called an apostle, because I hunted down believers and persecuted God's church. **1 Corinthians 15:9**

The Spirit we receive does not make us slaves again to fear; it makes us children of God! **Romans 8:15** (NCV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Our message is not about ourselves. It is about Jesus Christ as the Lord. We are merely your servants for Jesus' sake. **2 Corinthians 4:5** (GW)

We are like clay jars in which this treasure is stored. The real power comes from God and not from us. **2 Corinthians 4:7** (CEV)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

All of these sufferings of ours are for your benefit. And the more of you who are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for his great mercy, and the more God gets glory! **2 Corinthians 4:15** (TLB)

Therefore we never give up! Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are quite small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us an immeasurably great glory that will last forever! **2 Corinthians 4:16-17** (NLT)

5. \_\_\_\_\_

These little troubles are getting us ready for an eternal glory that will make all our troubles seem like nothing." **2 Corinthians 4:17** (CEV)

So we don't look at the troubles we can see right now; rather, we look forward to what we have not yet seen. For the troubles we see will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." **2 Corinthians 4:18** (NLT)

**THE KEY TO REMAINING FOCUSED:** \_\_\_\_\_

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. And three people are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. **Ecclesiastes 4:12** (NLT)

Jesus: For wherever two or three come together in my name, I will be there with them. **Matthew 18:20** (NIV)

**Do you want your life to be used by God?**

**Are you ready to experience the Miracle of Mercy?**

Thanks for making The Crossings part of your day! Access more sermons free online at [crossingscollinsville.com/sermons](http://crossingscollinsville.com/sermons)