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THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS

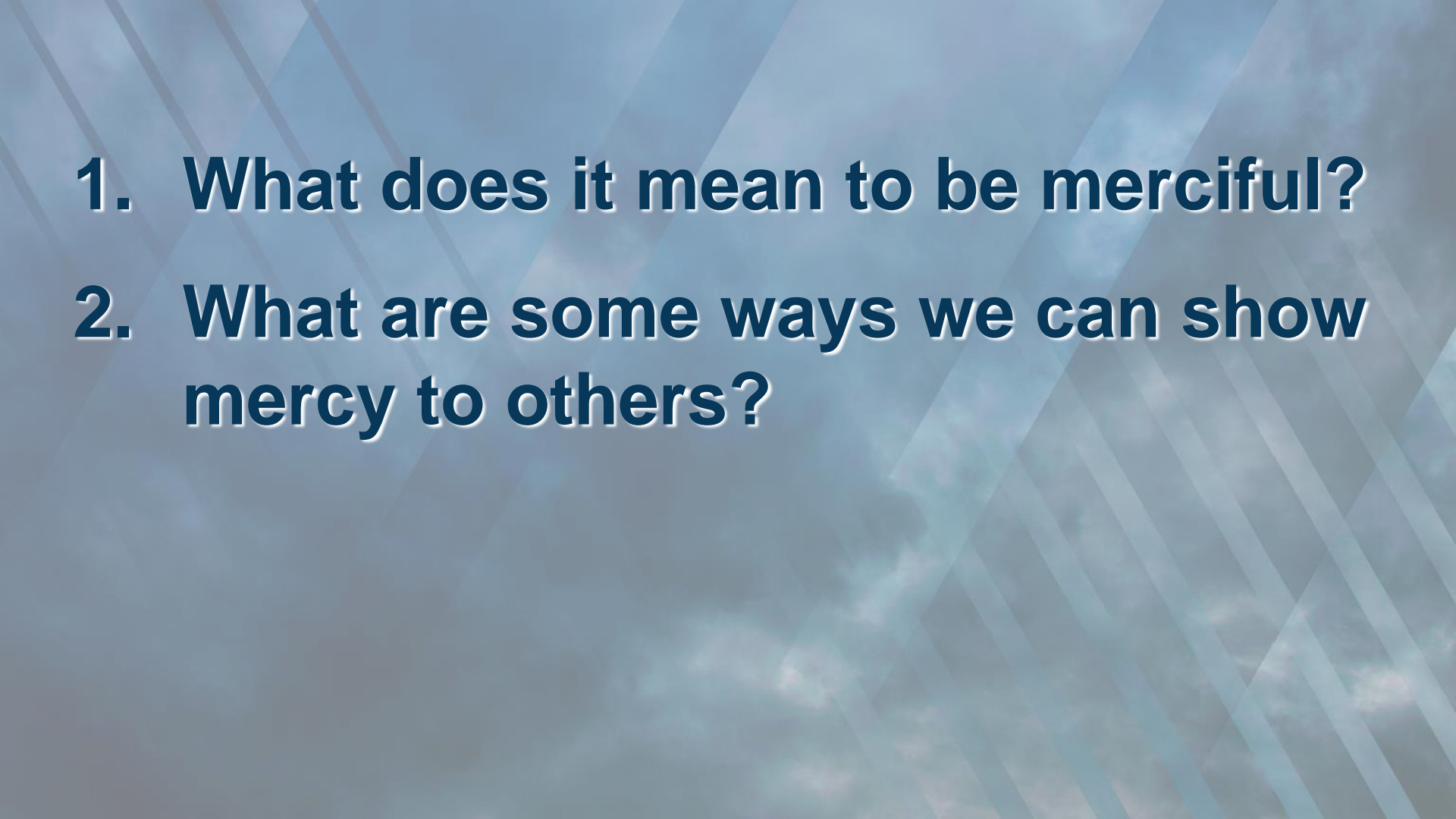
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Cultivating a Spirit of Mercy

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Mercy is undeserved kindness and favor to the miserable and hurting.

Ways we can show mercy to others:

- A. By helping those caught in desperate circumstances.**
- B. By helping those caught in sin.**
- C. By forgiving those who have sinned against us.**

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- 3. What are the implications of God's promise to the merciful?**



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Proverbs 19:17

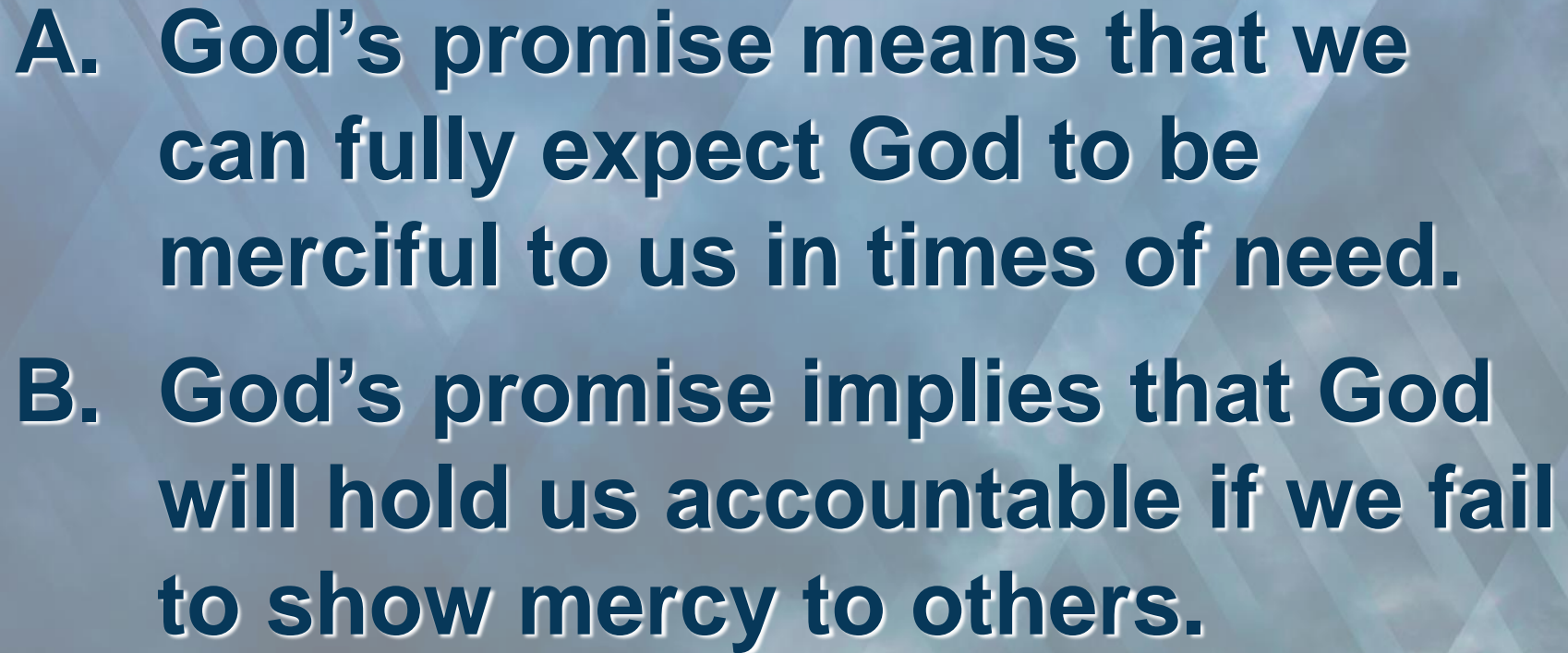
**“He that hath pity upon the poor
lendeth unto the LORD; and that
which he hath given will he pay
him again.”**

2 Corinthians 9:7

**“Every man according as he
purposeth in his heart, so let
him give; not grudgingly, or of
necessity: for God loveth
a cheerful giver.”**

2 Corinthians 9:8

“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:”

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- A. God's promise means that we can fully expect God to be merciful to us in times of need.**
 - B. God's promise implies that God will hold us accountable if we fail to show mercy to others.**

Proverbs 28:27

“He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.”

Matthew 6:14-15

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

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- A. Remember your own sin and your own desperate situation.**
- B. Identify with others.**
- C. Be motivated by love, not duty.**
- D. Remember God's mercy to you and His promise to the merciful.**

Matthew 11:29-30

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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