

## **Our Mission of Mercy**

*Miracle of Mercy – Part 7*

*“Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world.” John 17:18 (NIV)*

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)*

### **How to be an Agent of Mercy**

*(Luke 5:17-26)*

#### **1) Start with compassion.**

*“Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.”  
vs. 18 (NIV)*

*“We should all be concerned about our neighbor and the good things that will build his faith.” Romans 15:2 (GW)*

#### **2) Cooperate with God and others.**

*“One day while Jesus was teaching...And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus. Some men came carrying a paralyzed man...”  
vs. 17-18 (NLT)*

*“After all, who is Apollos? Who is Paul? We are only God’s servants through whom you believed the Good News. Each of us did the work the Lord gave us. I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow.”  
1 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NLT)*

#### **3) Push past the obstacles.**

*“When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.”  
vs. 19 (NIV)*

*“The Jewish teachers of the law and the Pharisees thought to themselves, ‘Who is this man who is speaking as if he were God? Only God can forgive sins.’”  
vs. 21 (NCV)*

#### **4) Deepen your faith.**

*“When Jesus saw their faith, he said, Friend, your sins are forgiven.” vs. 20 (NIV)*

*“Therefore he (Jesus) is able to save completely those who come to God through him...” Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)*

*“And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment...” Jude 1:22-23 (NLT)*