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2 The Psalm 136. I need you to turn there. Let's be remembering, brother Luke Coffey. I  
think he's up in Danville this morning bringing the message. And, I think OB is in  
Crossville.

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4 And, of course, Gabe and, Hannah are, they've went on their little anniversary trip. So  
I hope that they enjoy themselves and get some rest. And, I talked to Gabe there. I  
think it was Thursday before they left, asking about Marvin. And at that time, he had  
been stepped down from ICU and, was still pretty heavily sedated.

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6 And I think this morning I heard that maybe he's awake and eating now. We we don't know  
a whole lot about his circumstances, but we know that it's difficult. And, our prayers  
are certainly with him in that congregation there. This morning, I want to look, take a  
few minutes in bible study and look at our lord's mercy. I love mercy and a long time  
I've I've thought had this on my mind and as as a text and as a a topic to try to either  
bring a message from or a bible study from.

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8 And this morning, I want to, do that. So, we're gonna start by reading Psalm 136 and, it  
is a Psalm of the Lord's mercy and I don't know of a better Psalm, or a better passage  
of scripture to read. So let's read, beginning, in verse 1 of Psalm 136. Oh, give thanks  
unto the lord for he is good for his mercy endureth forever. Oh, give thanks unto god of  
gods for his mercy endureth forever.

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10 Oh, give thanks to the lord of hosts for his mercy endureth forever. To him who alone  
doeth great wonders for his mercy endureth forever. To him that by wisdom made the  
heavens for his mercy endureth forever. To him that stretcheth out the earth above the  
waters, for his mercy endureth forever. To him that made great lights, for his mercy  
endureth forever.

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12 The sun to rule the day, for his mercy endureth forever. The moon and stars to rule by  
night, for his mercy endureth forever. The him that smoke Egypt in the first in their  
firstborn, for his mercy endureth forever and brought out Israel from among them for his  
mercy endureth forever. With a strong hand and with a stretched out arm for his mercy  
endureth forever. To him which divided the Red Sea departs for his mercy endureth  
forever And made Israel to pass through the midst of it for his mercy endureth forever.

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14 But overflow but overthrew pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea for his mercy endureth  
forever. To him which led the people through the wilderness for his mercy endureth  
forever. To him which smoke great kings for his mercy endureth forever. And slew famous  
kings for his mercy endureth forever. Thion, king of Amorites, for his mercy endureth  
forever.

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16 And Og, the king of baba Bashan, for his mercy endureth forever, and gave their land for  
an heritage for his mercy endureth forever. Even an heritage unto Israel his servant for  
his mercy endureth forever, who rememberth us in our lowest state, for his mercy  
endureth forever, and hath redeemed us from our enemies for his mercy endureth forever.  
He giveth food to all flesh for his mercy endureth forever. Oh, give thanks unto the God  
of heaven for his mercy endureth forever. What a blessed psalm.

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18 And does not this psalm tell us that the lord's mercy is over all of his creation? That  
god in his mercy thinks upon us. And in this bible study, I want us to look at the  
lord's mercy. There are 9 things that I wrote here and I want us to look at I want us to  
look at his everlasting mercy. And then I want to look and see that his mercy is new  
mercy.

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20 It's sovereign mercy. It's an abundant mercy. It's tender mercy. It's surrounding mercy.  
It's leading mercy and it's following mercy and it's keeping mercy.

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22 And I can already tell I better get moving because time is moving quickly. So first, I  
want us to look at his everlasting mercy. So let's begin by turning to Psalm 103, and  
most of this morning, we will be in the Psalms. So Psalm 103 and let us begin by looking  
at verse 17. At the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

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24 Here several weeks ago, I tried to bring a message and I started with the thought of our  
eternal God and how overwhelming that was. But our eternal God from eternity is always  
been merciful. Our God is a merciful God. He is eternally mercy. His heart and his mind  
was upon his people from everlasting to everlasting.

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26 Our God is an eternal merciful God. Turn over to a a Psalm 1 100 and let's look at verse  
5. For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting. Everlasting mercy. And I realized by  
reading this passage and by thinking of the lord's mercy that did you know that only  
good is everlasting.

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28 Good is everlasting to everlasting. Our God is good and everything good is everlasting.  
And then secondly, if you will, I want you to turn to Lamentations 3, chapter 3. You'll  
have Jeremiah and then Lamentations, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and then Lamentations. So the  
lord's mercy is everlasting.

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30 Well, being everlasting, is it old? Well, let's look at Lamentations chapter 3 verses 22  
and 23. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because his compassions  
fail not. They are new every morning. Great is thy faithfulness.

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32 Our our lord's mercy is everlasting, but our lord's mercy is also new mercy. And I love  
that. I love the thought that our lord's mercy is new. It's as if it's never been used.  
It's as if in your sin and in your rebellion, it's as if you have never tried the  
patience of our God.

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34 How many times in life, in my own life, I think that I have laid down at night, and I  
feel so guilty, and I have felt so wrong. And then I wake up in the morning, and I think  
the lord's mercy is brand new. It says I it's it's I've I had never tried his mercy. His  
mercy is new and I love that thought. Come now let us reason together, saith the lord.

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36 Though your skin sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red  
like crimson, they shall be as wool. The lord's mercy is new to us because he has put  
away our sin. What a wondrous thought. And then we think of, the lord's, Paul as an  
example of mercy.

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38 The law of Paul was an example. Think about how he went about killing Christians. The  
mission of Paul, Saul of Tarsus in his life was to go and to kill believers. That was  
his occupation. That was his purpose in life.

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40 But God's mercy is a sovereign mercy. Turn with me if you will to exodus chapter 33. So  
our lord's mercy is everlasting. Our lord's mercy is new and our lord's mercy is  
sovereign. In Exodus chapter 33, we're gonna read a very a very known passage of  
scripture.

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42 But before we do, I want us to to lead up to it with the understanding of the  
circumstances of this passage. Look with me at verse 5. And I will tell you that the  
children of Israel had just made a golden calf and they had worshiped this golden calf  
while Moses was up in the mountains and the lord was giving him the commandments. The  
lord had brought the people across the Red Sea. He had destroyed, pharaoh and pharaoh's  
army, and he had been providing for them in the desert.

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44 And when Moses went up to the mountain, when Moses went up to receive of the lord the  
ten commandments, the people in absolute rebellion built them a golden calf to worship.  
So that is the context from which we are begin reading. Verse 5, for the Lord said unto  
Moses, say unto the children of Israel, ye are a stiff necked people. I will come up  
into the midst of thee in a moment and consume thee. Therefore, now put off the  
ornaments from thee that I may know what to do with thee.

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46 And what the lord is sitting here telling the people is that you are a rebellious  
people. You are rebellious. And if I were to come down among you for just a moment, I'd  
consume you. I would destroy you. Now you take off your fancy clothes and you take off  
your jewelry while I'll decide what I'm going to do with you.

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48 Now in verse 18, Moses is mediating for the people. Moses is their mediator and he says,  
I beseech it thee speaking to the lord show me thy glory. Verse 19, and he said, I will  
make and the Lord said to Moses, I will make all my goodness pass before thee and I will  
proclaim the name of the Lord before thee. I will and I will be gracious to whom I will  
be gracious and I shall show mercy on whom I will show mercy. The lord's mercy is a  
sovereign mercy.

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50 Now, in this text, if we were to read this as if it was a hard saying, we would be  
reading it wrong. Now if someone has offended me and they were to come to me and I might  
say, well, I will do what I'll do, in words of reservation or words of, arrogance, and I  
don't know how to express that. But what I want to say about these words that the lord  
spoke when he says I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and I will show mercy

to whom I will show mercy. What he is saying is that no matter how wicked or how sinful a person is, his mercy, his grace will not be hindered. A man's sin is not a hindrance to our god and his mercy.

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52 Now his self righteousness is. Now self righteousness will keep a man from God, but not his sin. The lord has dealt with sin and the lord has put away with sin. You see, Adam's race is in complete rebellion. And when God says, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious.

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54 What he is saying is that although all of Adam's race is in complete rebellion against god, he's not gonna damn everybody. He's gonna have mercy on Sam and he will save those whom he is pleased to save regardless of their determination to lift their fists against god and go to hell. God's mercy is sovereign. And because it's a sovereign mercy, then I have hope. And then also, if you will turn to Psalm 86, not only is our Lord's mercy everlasting, and not only is it new mercy and sovereign mercy, It says, for thou lord art good and ready to forgive and plenteous in mercy.

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56 Plenteous in mercy. So there is abundant mercy for the sin and or for the sinner. And I love that word that it says, our Lord is ready to forgive. Our Lord delights to show mercy. And to the sinner, it says that he is ready to forgive.

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58 Ready ready to pardon. Ready to forgive. There is plenty us in mercy. That means there's enough mercy. And to all that call upon him.

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60 The lord has never the lot denied a sinner mercy. There is not a single incident in his whole word where we find a beggar come into our lord and he not show mercy. What a how glorious is that? Turn with me to Psalm 103 and it speaks of when we speak of abundant mercy, it says in Psalm 103 verse 11, for as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. So it says if you try to measure the lord's mercy, it's higher than the earth, but it's even higher than that.

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62 Turn over to Psalm 108. Verse 4, for thy mercy is great above the heavens. We just heard read that it's high above the earth. Now we read that it's high above the heavens. There is abundant mercy for the sinner.

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64 It's plenteous. And then also turn with me to Psalm 51. So not only is it everlasting mercy, new mercy, sovereign and abundant mercy. It's also tender mercy. Look at me look with me at verse 51 or rather Psalms 51 verse 1.

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66 And this is David. Have mercy upon me, oh god, according to thy loving kindness, according and that the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. I want you to take just a moment to look at the situation or the scenario, the circumstances of which this psalm was written. If you read the headline or the heading there, it says, to the chief musician, a Psalm of David, when Nathan, the prophet came unto him after he had gone into Bathsheba. David had just killed Uriah.

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68 He had taken Uriah's wife and now she was gonna bear David's child. And David brought your Uriah in from the battlefield hoping to cover his sin. And when David was not able to cover his sin, he had Uriah put in the hottest part of the battle, and Uriah was killed. David killed Uriah. David took Uriah's wife.

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70 Was the lord angry? Oh, the lord was angry. He took out his wrath though on the lord Jesus Christ and not David. Oh, he was angry with sin every day. Our lord is angry with sin.

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72 And it says that I will smite the shepherd in his anger. All of that anger that our lord had toward David. He took it out on his own son. And so then when day when Nathan, the prophet come to to David, David, Nathan told David and said, this is second Samuel verse 1213. He said, and David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the lord.

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74 And Nathan said unto David, the lord also has put away thy sin. The lord has put away your sin. And he put away his sin and David received tender mercies. And when we say tender mercies, I think of just a week ago that my little grandson, Ryan, was born. And when I picked him up for the first time, I picked him up tenderly.

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76 He was new. His first day of life, I tenderly picked him up. Tenderly. And that's what we're talking about here when we're talking about the tender mercies of the lord. David sinned, horribly sinned, and the lord tenderly showed mercy to a vile, wretched murderer and a sinner.

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78 Tender mercies. Our mercies of our god are tender mercies. But also if you will turn to Psalm 32, not only is there abundant mercy and tender mercy, there's also surrounding mercy. Psalm 32 and let's look at verse 10. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked that he that trusteth in the lord, mercy shall compass or surround him about.

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80 Our lord's mercy in our life is all around the believer. Those whom the father has given to his son and those that call upon the lord, those that are his jewels, those that are his children, he surrounds them in their life with mercy. He surrounds them with tender mercy. He surrounds them with abundant mercy. So we find that the lord's mercy is a surrounding mercy.

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82 But also, if you will look at Psalm 59. Verse 10. The god of my mercy shall prevent me. God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies. The god of my mercy shall prevent, and that word prevent means to go before, to lead, to go in front.

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84 So when it says that the the god of my mercy shall prevent me, It is telling us that in our lives the lord's mercy is already gone before us into tomorrow. He has prepared tomorrow according to his mercy for his people. It is leading mercy. Our our lord's mercy is sovereign. It's abundant.

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86 It's tender. It's surrounding and it's leading. It goes for us. Now turn to Psalm 23. Verse 1, the lord the lord is my shepherd.

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88 Now verse 6, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. It is the lord's mercy is a following mercy. Not only is it a leading mercy and that it goes into tomorrow but wherever we go, mercy, the lord's mercy follows us to keep us. And it says, the surely goodness and and mercy, we could also say that surely grace and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. Mercy has always followed you.

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90 Now in your mind, you may think there was a time that you did not know the lord and certainly that is true. Before the lord, before you heard the gospel, and before the lord revealed the lord Jesus Christ to your heart, you knew nothing of him, but he knew of you. And all of your life from the time that you were conceived in the womb until this day, the lord's mercy has followed you. It has followed you wherever those of you who are his. And then lastly, let's look at Psalm 94.

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92 So we have surrounding mercy, tender mercy, leading mercy, following mercy. Now let's look at keeping mercy. Let's read verses 16 through 18. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? For who will stand for me against the workers of iniquity?

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94 Unless the lord had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. When I said my foot slippeth, thy mercy, oh lord, help me up. My goodness. How many times in life have I thought I can't make it? There's no hope for me.

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96 I'm done. But the lord's mercy held me up. How many times I thought my foot has slipped? My foot has slipped. I'm fallen, and I'm undone.

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98 But it says the lord's mercy the lord's mercy has lifted me up. He has kept us. So we have everlasting mercy. Our lord's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. It is new mercy and that it is always new.

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100 It's always fresh for his people. It is sovereign mercy and that if he has set his affections upon you, he will have you and he will draw you unto himself. It is abundant mercy and that no matter how vile the sinner or how ruined the person, There's sufficient mercy for those who come to our lord and then there is tender mercy. The mercy that our lord shows the sinner is a tender mercy in which he delights to show in which he gives tenderly to those that he loves. There is surrounding mercy and that the believer lives his life with his mercy all around him.

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102 And then as he goes through this life, mercy goes before him and prepares the way and then there's following mercy and that wherever the believer goes, mercy is right there with him behind him looking after him. And then there's keeping mercy and that he keeps his people. He keeps them until that day that he receives them unto himself. Amen.