The Gift of Mercy
Matthew 14:12-14

12 John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. 13 When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. 14 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
mercy = valuing others to the point of self-sacrificially meeting their needs in a compassionate and loving way
The Worldview of Mercy

Matthew 9:10-13 — 10While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The worldview of mercy says, “You and I are the same - deeply in need of God - and, by his grace, I would like to serve you because you matter.”
You May Have a Mercy Gifting if...

• You are inspired to value those whom our society does not
• You frequently imagine what life would be like in another’s shoes
• People in need seem to find you and you seem to find them
• You proactively look for ways to use your God-given resources (i.e. time, talent, and treasure) to be a blessing to others
• You have a high tolerance for drama, ugliness, and suffering
• You can often discern people’s needs even when they do not state them
• People have often expressed gratitude for your generosity and compassion
So You Have the Gift of Mercy

• Pray for God to guide you to the specific group he has called you to serve

• Volunteer with a ministry or non-profit serving the population God has placed on your heart

• Find a mercy mentor

• Become someone’s mercy mentor

• With your loved ones, define your limits, “lines in the sand,” and sabbaths

• Take steps to ensure you stay balanced (i.e. prayer, studying Scripture, an accountability partner, etc.)