

Day 21, July 25th

Bible Text: Micah 7:18-20

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Reflection:

Sometimes our sins, and our sinful nature, loom large in our eyes. We think that when the Lord looks at us, our sin is what matters, period, full stop. Yet the Lord is intentional in Scripture to say repeatedly that He is compassionate, casting our sins away (Psalm 103:12, Acts 3:19).

Even within this passage in Micah, terms for sin are used four times (*iniquity, transgression, iniquities, sins*). The people's transgressions are real and weighty. But God actively, resolutely deals with their sins by passing over them and treading them underfoot - all while delighting in steadfast love (mentioned twice!).

Taking Scripture to heart, we can believe that the Lord delights in showing us His love and forgiveness still today; He overflows with it! It is His very heart toward us. As Micah 7:18a says, "Who is a God like you?" Indeed, who is a God like our God?

1. How have you experienced the Lord's steadfast love and compassion? How have you observed the Lord showing CBCM's congregants His steadfast love and compassion?
2. As we receive and respond to God's delight and mercy, how can we show it others? Is there anyone the Lord has put on your heart who could use a taste of His overflowing love?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your compassion is greater than our sins. Help us to know and believe that You delight in showing us steadfast love. Give us eyes to see others who need a taste of Your love and help our hearts to overflow with love for them.

Song of Reflection: His Mercy is More

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