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Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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Series:
Sermon: The Ministry of Mercy

- **Matthew 5:7** - (KJV) 7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Do you even care? It costs to care.

This is an attribute that we need to give each other. Also, it is beneficial when we receive it from one another. God lets us make decisions, but we have to bear the consequences. Adjusting our attitudes one towards one another. It is the first beatitude of reciprocity. If you don't sow this, you won't reap it. This is how to live the benefits of a godly life now. An attribute that is only affected in judgment. Mercy is moved by love. Once we start caring, it starts costing. What does it cost to care?

1. Caring - It is the reasoning factor. Acknowledgement. You can't apply mercy in an ignorant state. You did some investigation to apply the right thing to the right situation. Every solution needs to be connected to the issue. It will cost you some time to determine the situation. It is caring.
2. Bearing - It is the responsibility factor. If necessary, you carry the whole load. There are times when the person you are helping aren't able to contribute back. It is being responsible for decisions you didn't make,
3. Daring - The risk factor. Some may look at you and judge you because of your decision to show mercy.

Mercy doesn't just cost you, but it also compensates. You will only get it because you must have had a past of looking after someone else's concerns. There is no promise that you will get mercy from the person that you are giving mercy to but if you give it, you will get it from God.

Don't ask for what you aren't willing to give.