



Brian Weller - Teaching Letter
Subject: MERCY IS WAITING

Last year, I wrote a song just as I was finishing up the Soul Survivor album. I had spent two years working on the album up to that point with many late night recording sessions. I thought I had all the songs that were to be on the album. Then, one night as I was mixing the songs, I wrote two new songs that I know came from God's heart. Now from my heart I want to share them with you. .

One of the songs is called "Mercy is Waiting". I want to share with you a couple lines from that song.

"God has a hope, God has a dream to help the hurting heart in need,
He gave Jesus to make a way, He gave you faith for this very day, faith for this day" As I wrote these words I was thinking about the immeasurable love God has for the world. His dream is to give them mercy, to give them hope and peace, but most of all to give them salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. It seems, we, like them, understand so little about His love until we are in desperate need of it ourselves. I remember the day I saw that love and received saving grace from God. It shook my world and turned my life around. He saved a spiritually drowning young man! His Mercy was waiting for me!

God wants us to see the world through His eyes, through His heart! I am trying desperately hard to learn to do this. It's so essential to being a faithful Ambassador of Jesus Christ. Sometimes, it seems as if we Christians are so busy judging those that don't know Him at all, that we forget that God still loves the ones we are judging un-righteously. He still wants to communicate that love to them even if they don't seem to want to take the time to listen. Even if they rebel against it once they do listen. He wants them to at least have the chance to hear it and to see what they hear demonstrated through we who confess to be His people.

It amazes me when I read the stories of the true Christian martyrs. I have read and still read many because they are a great source of inspiration to me. These martyrs weren't shouting at the top of their voices how terribly unjust their punishments and tortures were but rather humbly accepted what was thrust upon them and praised God in the midst of their troubles. I pray that I can get to that same place in my love relationship with God, don't you? Mercy is Waiting!

God doesn't condone the world's sin, or it's rebellion, or pride or arrogance. But neither does He condone the sin, selfishness, hypocrisy, backbiting, murmuring and complaining

that fills the hearts of many of us who confess to be Christians. God hates sin of all types because it separates us and alienates us from Him. We all know that the wages of sin is death. The Bible is very clear on that. Even as Christians, sin snuffs out the blessings of God in our lives. It steals our peace, our hope and our love. It keeps the life of God from coming into full bloom in our lives. At least, as believers we have salvation! We have eternal life! Those that don't know Jesus Christ, have no mercy, no forgiveness, no salvation! But we can tell them that Mercy is Waiting!!

Brothers and sisters, time is running out! There's no time for us to squander the time, the talents and resources that God has already given us. Souls are in the balance. They are dying at an incredible rate around the world, slipping into a Godless Eternity called Hell. While this happens, many Christians seem content just sitting still and watching it all. It's as if they are helpless and can do nothing to "rescue the perishing" as the old hymn says.

If we choose to excuse ourselves from the spiritual battle that is raging in the world today, it's not because we can't do anything, but rather, because we refuse to do anything. If this describes us we must at least admit to God we have become passive participants in the Great Commission, that our love has grown cold and that we are not willing to risk much or sacrifice much to serve Him or to love Him. God would prefer for us to admit to Him in prayer that we have become lazy and slothful and need His Holy Spirit to wake us up from our spiritual slumber. His Mercy is Waiting to restore us!

We all need His mercy and His grace every day. I know I do! God waits to take our sin, our burdens, our lives. He wants to help us to die to ourselves, so He can bring the power of His resurrection into our lives.

God does love us, more than we can presently understand. That's why we must drop everything that gets in the way of knowing Him, of loving Him, of serving Him. One thing I have discovered is the more I receive His love the more I can give His love.

Let's take a minute to lay aside the sin, the burdens, the little problems and the big problems that weigh us down. Don't forget, God is in control! We can trust Him to be faithful? He is with you right there, right now, to love you more than you and I can ever know! His Mercy is Waiting for you! Take time now to receive His mercy, He wants to inject it into our lives, remember His mercies are new every morning. What we need tomorrow will be there tomorrow.

In His love, Brian Weller

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