Flash Theology: God is Merciful

God is *merciful*. (Ephesians 2:4-5 NIV; Micah 7:18-19 NIV)

FLASH FACT:

Hesed – mercy, loyal love, faithful kindness, compassion

1. God's mercy is <u>boundless</u> toward <u>me</u> and also <u>toward</u> my <u>enemies</u>. (Jonah 1:1-17 NIV)

God's mercy is *persistent*. (Jonah 2:8-3:2 NIV)

"It's not that God makes light of our sin; *He just makes more of His mercy*. God is far more willing to give mercy than humans are willing to ask for it." – *Flash Theology*, p. 125

2. God's mercy demands a response. (Jonah 3:3-10 NIV)

God's Mercy Cycle

- God *reveals* His mercy.
- We *recognize* it. (Jonah 2:9b NIV)
- We *repent* through it. (Jonah 3:3a NIV)
- We *regift* it to others. (Jonah 3:4 NIV; Luke 6:36 NIV)
- God *relents* and *repeats*. (Jonah 3:10 NIV)

How will I respond to God's mercy?