

BLESSED

- *“What is the greatest blessing in our life?”*
- OUR BIGGEST BLESSING:
 - Mercy
 - Forgiveness
 - Salvation
 - Eternal Life
- MERCY
 - Gratuitous
 - Unwarranted
 - Undeserved
- Don't Keep Looking Back
 - Positive mental imaging

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US?

- **God's Unwarranted Love**
 - *“But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” Rom5:8*
- **He seeks the lost**
 - *For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.” Luke 19:10*
- **He rejoices over the saved**
 - *“What is your opinion? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them goes astray, will he not leave the ninety-nine in the hills and go in search of the stray? And if he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray.” Matt 18:12-13*

- **Jesus give us strength to overcome our weaknesses**
 - *'And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."* **2 Corinthians -**
- **He wants us to have eternal life**
 - *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life"* **John 3:16**
- Christ's mercy, is greater than our greatest sin, and our darkest moments
- Pope Francis: ***"Only he who has been touched and caressed by the tenderness of his mercy really knows the Lord."***
- Pope's Book Allow me to share an excerpt from Bruce Marshall's novel: To Every Man A Penny
 - **"GOD IS CRAZY IN LOVE WITH US."**
- Like the Father in the story of the prodigal son. God waits patiently and lovingly for us to become aware of our sins and to turn away from them, so that He can run to embrace us and pour out His mercy upon us.
- **Song: When God Ran by Phillips Craig and Dean**