

# MESSAGE

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**TITLE : BY THE MERCIES OF GOD**  
Text/s :

Rom 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.  
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed  
by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God

Bible Reading :

Ps 116:12

12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?

Rom 2:3-4

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?  
4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

1 Pet 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Ps 89:1-2

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.  
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

Song/s :

## I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES OF THE LORD

I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord  
Forever I Will Sing, I Will Sing  
I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord  
Forever I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord.  
With My Mouth Will I Make Known  
Thy Faithfulness (2)  
With My Mouth Will I Make Known  
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Forever I Will Sing Of The Mercies Of The Lord...

## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

1  
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2  
Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3  
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

Great is thy faithfulness!  
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Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## **SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY**

1  
A pilgrim was I, and a wandering,  
In the cold night of sin I did roam,  
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,  
And now I am on my way home.

Chorus:  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

All the days, all the days of my life;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,  
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

Verse 2:

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,  
He giveth me strength day by day;  
He leads me beside the still waters,  
He guards me each step of the way.

Chorus:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,  
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

Verse 3:

When I walk through the dark lonesome valley,  
My savior will walk with me there;  
And safely His great hand will lead me  
To the mansions He's gone to prepare.

Chorus:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life;  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,  
And I shall feast at the table spread for me;  
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Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul, in our text, intreats the believers to present their bodies to God as a matter of worship and service. The basis of his appeal is "the mercies of God." The presentation here involves three things:

### The mercies of God from the Old to the New Testament

Ps 89:1-5

1 I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.  
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,  
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.  
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord: thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.  
KJV

Ps 103:1-5

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.  
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:  
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;  
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;  
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.  
KJV

Ps 145:8-13

8 The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.  
9 The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.  
10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.  
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;  
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.  
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.  
KJV

Isa 54:7-8

7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.  
8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy Redeemer.  
KJV

Lam 3:22-23

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.  
23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.  
KJV

Gen 32:9-10

9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee:  
10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands.  
KJV

Isa 55:1-3

1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.  
3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.  
KJV

Acts 13:14-16

14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.  
15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.  
16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.  
KJV

Acts 13:32-34

32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers,

33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

34 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David.

KJV

2 Cor 1:3-4

3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

KJV

Rom 12:1-2

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Luke 1:76-80

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,

78 Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us,

79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.

KJV

Rom 9:22-24

22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

KJV

Eph 2:4-7

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

KJV

2 Cor 4:1-2

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

KJV

1 Tim 1:12-16

12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

KJV

1 Peter 1:3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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## **BODY**

We are besought by God to respond to His mercies.

### **A) We are to yield ourselves to Him.**

The basis of the appeal to yield: (refer to Chapter 8. Chapters 9-11 are parenthetical)

#### **1) The mercy of no condemnation (v.1)**

Rom 8:1

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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John 3:16-19

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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This is the unspeakable privilege of all that are His - no condemnation. Paul does not say no accusations because there are, but they are not thrown out. He does not say there is nothing in them that deserves condemnation because there are - but they do not ruin the believer. Nothing is said of having no afflictions, no cross - it is just no condemnation.

Rom 4:7-8

7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

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Isa 54:17, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

John 3:18

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Heb 2:3

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;  
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Rom 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;  
19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.  
20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:  
21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.  
22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,  
23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.  
24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:  
25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.  
26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:  
27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.  
28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;  
29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,  
30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,  
31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:  
32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.  
KJV

Rom 6:21-23

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.  
22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.  
23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
KJV

Rev 20:11-15

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

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## 2) The mercy of sonship (v.14-17)

Rom 8:14-17

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

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The privilege of being taken in the relation of children to God. We are sons of God, owned and loved by Him. This is in contrast with the spirit of bondage that we find in the Old Testament. This is now the spirit of adoption that we have. The spirit of bondage brings fear to man (Ex. 20:19). The spirit of adoption rather cries, "Abba Father."

Gal 3:26

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

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Eph 1:5

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

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1 John 3:1-2

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

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Gal 4:5-7

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## 3) The mercy of future complete redemption (vs. 18-23)

The fulfillment of the saints' present hopes and expectations. We are all waiting for the "adoption" the redemption of the body - the complete redemption when our faith will turn to sight.

Luke 21:28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

My home is in heaven...tis waiting for me

1Thes 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

**4) The mercy of the Spirit's work in us and for us (vs. 26-27)**

a) To have hope is to have confidence that the thing promised will sure come to pass. This hope is based on the realible promise of God. The Spirit reinforces this hope in us. This is the Spirit's work in us.

b) The work of the Spirit for us is seen in our imperfect prayer lives.  
No matter how mature a Christian you are, you have imperfection in your prayer life. But the Spirit, by His strength comes in addition to our weaknesses so that we are made unconquerable in prayer. The greatest strength a Christian can have is when he is down on his knees praying.

**5) The mercy of God's care for His own (v. 28)**

Here, Paul uses a very certain statement, "...we know." No if's, no but's but a concrete, solid knowledge that all things work together for good.

Joseph said, Gen 50:20, "But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive."

Deut 8:16, "Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end"

Rom 5:3-5, "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

2 Cor 4:15-18

15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

James 1:3-4

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

**6) The mercy of God's purposes for us (vs. 29-30)**

If we are to believe in a "God's Will" in our lives, then we are also to believe His Sovereign Will. It is clear, our response to God's grace is certain, foreknown and foreordained in the mind and will of God.

**7) The mercy of God's promises (v.32)**

He has given His very best for us; how can he not give any side order?

Ps 84:11, "For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Ps 37:25-26

25 I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

#### **8) The mercy of God's justification (v. 33)**

It is God that declares that a man stands before Him justified on the merit of Christ's work.

#### **9) The mercy of Christ's intercession (v.34)**

Christ is ever interceding for us. He stands on our behalf. He intervenes.

Heb 4:14-16

14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

#### **10) The mercy of the saint's eternal security (vs. 35-39)**

"The strong knowledge that there is nothing, living or dead, animate or inanimate, that can breach the believer's defense and separate him from Whom he is indissolubly attached by faith through Christ Jesus." This is a promise of God and He cannot lie and His Word cannot be broken by anyone or anything.

#### **B) We are to live for Him.**

We are not only to yield our bodies, per se, but to live for Him.

Living for Jesus. I'll Live for Him Who Died for Me...

#### **C) We are to prove His perfect will.**

We are also to prove (try) that His will is perfect for us. You do not know any more than what you know this present. Your will is not His will. Your thoughts

Isa 55:9

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Eph 5:17

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

### **CONCLUSION**

Crutches on the Altar

(Taken from the 3/20/98 issue of the "Sword of the Lord" PO Box 1099,

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One day a minister received a request from a missionary society to preach a missionary sermon to be followed by a collection for a certain foreign field. The minister put his whole soul into the effort, encouraging the people to give cheerfully for the Lord's work.

After the sermon the collection basket was Passed as usual; but the minister watched the result with depressed feelings as only small amounts were dropped in. Evidently his words had not reached the hearts of his hearers. He noticed how those who were well able to give kept looking at the time, anxious to be out and about other things.

On the last bench, in the meantime, a battle was waging in the heart of a poorly clad girl. Through an accident, Margaret had been crippled. She could not take a step without assistance. One day a kind lady procured a pair of crutches for her, and since then her life had been much happier. This Sunday she ventured for the first time to church. What a great blessing it was to be able to listen to the Gospel once more.

As the usher came near with the basket, Margaret said to herself with a sad heart, "I have nothing to give-not a cent-and there in the foreign land the missionaries are expecting our gifts; they need so much to carry on their work. Oh, what can I do?" These thoughts went through her mind and made her shudder. "My new crutches could be sold for a sum of money, but I cannot spare them; I must have them; they are my very life".

"Yes, your life", said a voice within; "but did not Christ give His life for you? If you give what is your life, some poor souls in Africa will hear that He is their Savior too. Oh, if you only would!"

Finally a glow came over her face. She pressed, a kiss on the crutches and waited, her heart pounding.

The collection basket came to where Margaret sat. The usher knew her well. He gave a friendly nod and was about to pass on. To his astonishment, she made an effort to lay the crutches on the basket. The man grasped the situation, took the crutches out of her hand, put them on the basket and carried them slowly through the aisle, laying them without a word on the altar.

Everyone watched him in breathless suspense. They all knew the young girl, and many eyes filled with tears. The minister, deeply affected, laid his hand on the crutches and repeated solemnly the words of Jesus: 'She hath done what she could'.

What a stir this incident made in the meeting! Suddenly the perspiration came on the banker's brow, and he wiped his face with his handkerchief as he pulled out his pocketbook. The rich lady fumbled about for her purse. The rich merchant whispered something in the ear of the usher, who passed the collection basket once more from bench to bench. This time money came like raindrops.

Quietly and solemnly the people left the church. One lady stepped up to Margaret and gave back her new crutches. She had redeemed them for the benefit of the missionaries for the sum of one hundred dollars.

The happy girl returned home, little realizing how much she had done that day for her Master.

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