

Memorial Day 2024



- ▶ *All gave some,*
- ▶ *Some gave all*



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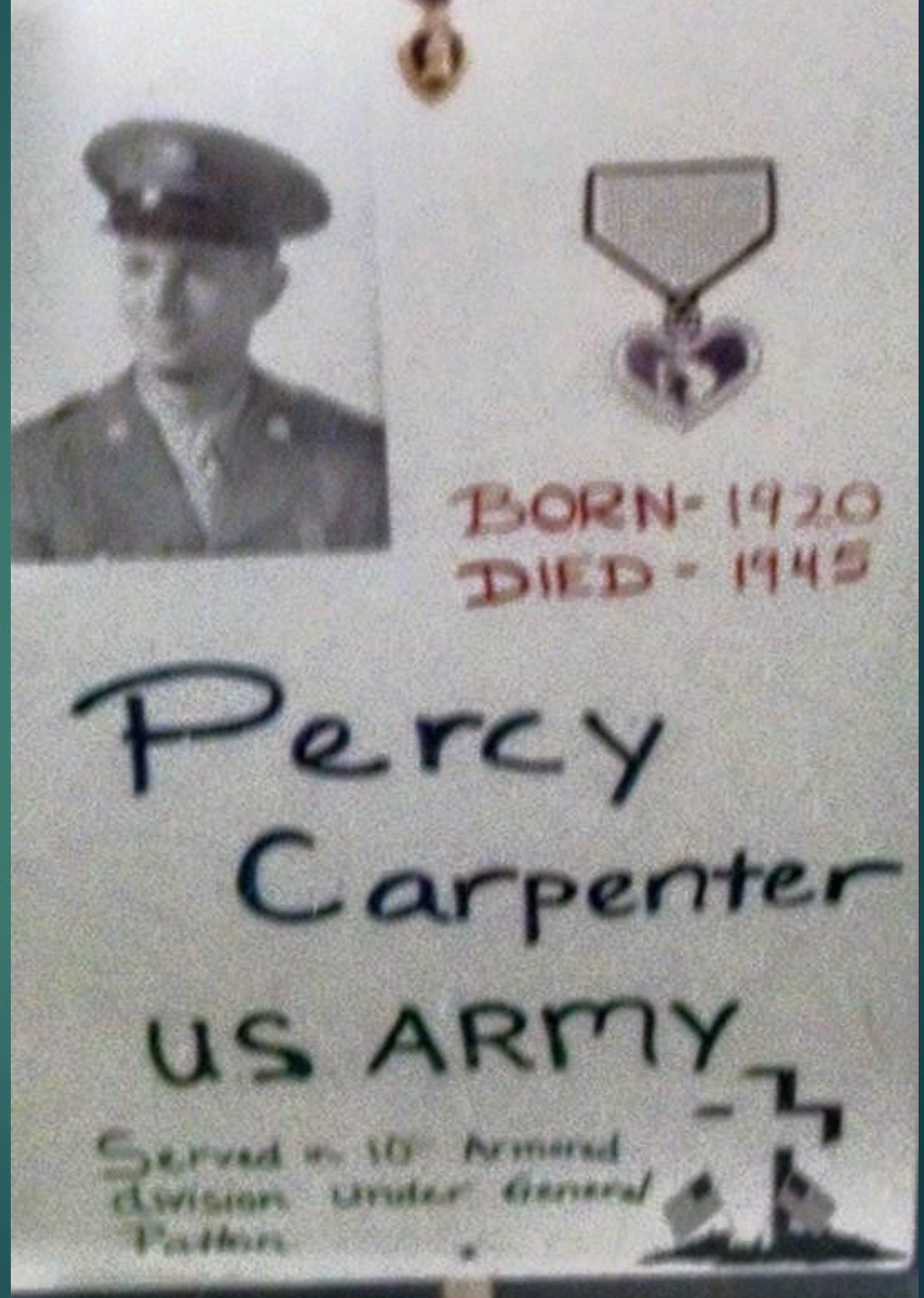
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Nov 21, 1915 – Aug 6, 1944



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1920-1945



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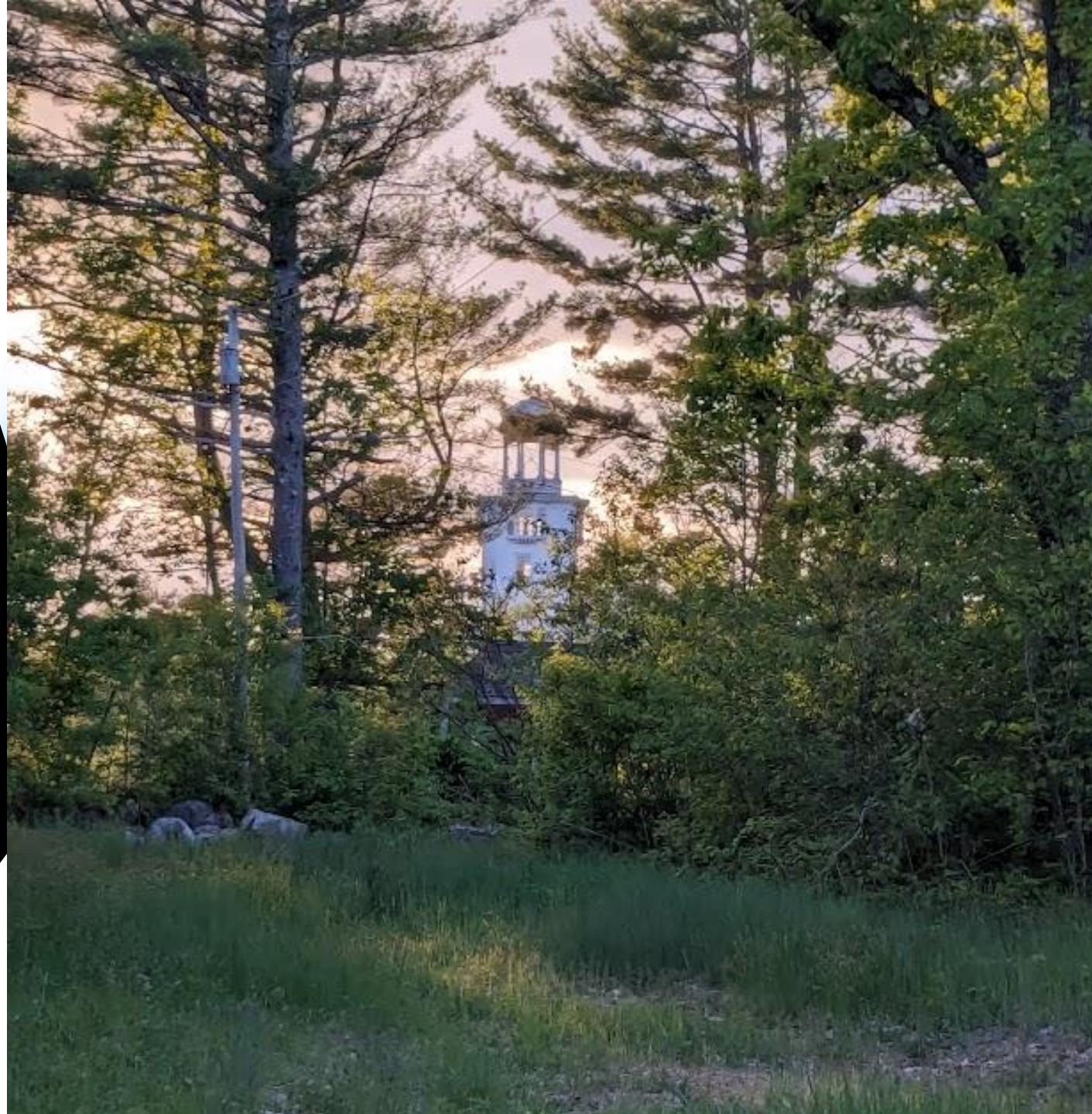
Jan 30, 1947- Sept 23, 1966

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Grace and Mercy


2 GOSPEL VIEWS




Grace & Mercy Part 1 :


Luke 18.9-14, NIV

- ▶ 9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

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- ▶ 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’



▶ 13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”

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- ▶ 14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

What's the difference?

The Pharisee:

- ▶ **Educated on all things Jewish**
- ▶ **Did everything right!!**
- ▶ **He was 'superior' and he was proud of it!**
- ▶ **He considered himself spiritual, even 'holy'**

The Tax Collector:

- ▶ **Felt totally unworthy**
- ▶ **Realized he was nothing but a sinner**
- ▶ **Knew his only hope was God's mercy**


The Difference? Big difference!:

- ▶ **14 “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God.**
- ▶ **Simply put, to justify is to declare righteous. Justification is an act of God whereby He pronounces a sinner to be righteous because of that sinner’s faith in Christ.**
 - ▶ <https://www.gotquestions.org/justification.html>


Grace & Mercy Part 2:

Matthew 18.21-35, NIV

- ▶ 21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
- ▶ 22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.




▶ 23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.




▶ 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.


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▶ 26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ 27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.




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- ▶ 28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

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- ▶ 29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’
 - ▶ 30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

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- ▶ 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

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- ▶ 32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’


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- ▶ 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
 - ▶ 35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

So what do we take home from these 2 'stories'??

- ▶ **How big is your dept towards God?**
- ▶ **Did the King really believe that the big debtor could pay him back??**
- ▶ **Why was the big debtor so hard on the little debtor?**

Two stories, 4 people:
and what about us?


- ▶ **We tend to minimize our sin**
- ▶ **We tend to judge others - often harshly**
- ▶ **We forget how big our debt is towards God**
- ▶ **We minimize God's grace and the work of Jesus on the cross**


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- ▶ **Seek holiness, and you will become a Pharisee**
 - ▶ **Seek Jesus, and you will become holy**

Grow in . . .

- ▶ **18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.**

- ▶ 2 Peter 3.18, NIV

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- ▶ **“To be above with the saints we love,
that would be glory;**
 - ▶ **to be below with the saints we know,
now that’s another story.”**
 - ▶ John DeBrine, 1925-2021, SongTime USA

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- ▶ *“Grow in grace,*
 - ▶ *so you won’t grown in disgrace”*
 - ▶ John DeBrine

Remember:
Freedom is never free

