

1) TITLE.....THE WORLD NEEDS MERCIFUL LEADERS...YOU??

2) THE NEXT 2 definitions ARE SIMILAR....

■ Mercy as defined by Professor Webster (Dictionary)

■ A state of thankfulness...In French Merci = THANKS

■ ...compassion shown especially to an offender.... or to one subject to one's power

■ ...compassionate treatment of those in distress

3) Mercy in itself requires relationship...it requires a do-er and a receiver

It requires one to see that there is an injustice and to have pity on...and it requires a victim, the one subject to the injustice, the cruelty, and the misfortune.

The Do-er is most times the one in power, the one who deals out mercy..its a choice...a decision...to be merciful is to have an effect on someone....

4) LEADERSHIP.....Derived from the 14th century middle English

'leder' = **a quality of character.**

The suffix '-ship' = **'to shape'**.

Thus "leader-ship", literally means... **'TO SHAPE CHARACTER'**

5) MERCIFUL LEADERSHIP....To shape character in a merciful way!

To be a Thank - filled character shaper!

To be a CHARACTER SHAPER who witnesses to compassion!

6) It is a CHOICE to be MERCIFUL....(Picture of a horse swimming helping a drowning small dog)

7) What a Merciful leader is NOT!! DO YOU KNOW PEOPLE LIKE THIS??....

Self important

Too big for their own britches

Get those PUFFED up chests when they have a leadership position

Only their agenda counts

Expect people to do for them because they have a position!

8) Leadership is 1% INSPIRATION, 99% PERSPIRATION

9) Leadership is ACTION....NOT POSITION... (I found this in a fortune cookie!!)

10) We all feel WEIGHED DOWN IN BODY MIND and SPIRIT

11) WE HAVE PROBLEMS with a ROOMMATE, a PROFESSOR, maybe the Professors have difficulty with their CHAIR of their Department or the DEAN, we have MONEY problems, housing problems, school loan problems, etc...

12) There are times we feel HELPLESS....(picture of donkey off the ground with an overloaded cart)

13) Even in TIMES like THIS A Merciful Leader needs to

- Look beyond oneself
 - Your WANTS...
 - and sometimes even Your NEEDS
-graciously and actively extend **UNDESERVED FAVOR AND MERCY** toward the well-being and peace of others.

14) A merciful Leader needs to SEE THE BIG PICTURE

15) You know the Expression “ I can’t see the forest for the TREES”

16) Example of a FOREST,,,when we are in the forest we are “Little ME”, can only see what is immediately available, the few trees around us, the leaves on the forest floor, but

17) If I can climb out of the forest..(picture of rock climbing)..I can look look down and see the whole picture, the perimeter, the lake , the trail, the valley

18) Picture of BIG DOG, LITTLE DOG....When I am BIG me I can see the fence, the gate, the doghouse, the water bowl, the ball WHEN I AM LITTLE ME...I get lost in the tall grass!

19) -31) An exercise in seeing the BIG PICTURE

32) So NOW THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED ALL THE PIECES YOU HAVE ALL THE KNOWLEDGE AND ARE A GOOD LEADER...RIGHT??....**WRONG!!**

33) THE KEY TO GOOD DECISION MAKING (LEADERSHIP) IS NOT KNOWLEDGE....IT IS UNDERSTANDING...AND IN THIS BOOK

WE ARE SWIMMING IN THE FORMER...GOOGLE/WIKIPEDIA

WE ARE DESPERATELY LACKING IN THE LATER...UNDERSTANDING

34) JAN eLIASSEN, UN DEPUTY SECRETARY STATED..."WITHOUT PASSION nothing HAPPENS
WITHOUT COMPASSION the WRONG THINGS HAPPEN!! "

Native Americans and Mary Robinson

- 35) I'd like to share a few stories with you...true stories....stories of Mercy..... the first story tells of 2 different peoples in 2 different countries.... and how then come together
- 36) **The First country is the United States...and specifically the Choctaw Nation. THE CHOCTAWS WERE A PEACFUL PEOPLE, TOOK ON SOME OF THE "EURPPEAN WAYS, LEARNED ENGLISH**
- 37) **In 1831, under the Indian Removal Act, President Andrew Jackson, whose parents immigrated from Ireland, seized the fertile lands of the so-called five civilized tribes (Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, Seminole, and Choctaw)**
- 38) **IT WAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO MOVE THEM AFTER THE HARVEST...SO THAT THEY WOULD ARRIVE IN THEIR NEW LANDS IN TIME FOR THE PLANTING SEASON...BUT THAT MEANS THEY TRAVELED THROUGH THE WINTER ...**
Forced them to undertake a 500-mile trek to what was then called Indian territory and what is now known as Oklahoma. Some were given no warning of the journey and forced to leave their homes without proper preparation, without warm clothes or provisions.
- 39) **This journey is known as the Trail of Tears.**
- 40) The Choctaws describe their situation "we have had our habitations torn down and burned, our fences destroyed, cattle turned into our fields and we ourselves have been scourged, manacled, fettered and otherwise personally abused, until by such treatment some of our best men have died"
- 41) **Like any forced migration....The young and the old were the first to die.**
- 42) **ONE AUTHOR WROTE "THEY ARRIVED IN THEIR NEW LANDS WITH NO FUTURE AND NO PAST"**
- 43) **Of the 21,000 Choctaws who started the journey, more than half DIED from exposure in the cold, malnutrition, and disease.**
- 44)

What makes it worse is that during the War of 1812 (20 years before) the Choctaws had been allies/helpers of then General Andrew Jackson before he was the President, in his campaign against the British in New Orleans.

45) The second country is Ireland....in the fall of 1845, just 15 years after the TRAIL OF TEARS..the people in IRELAND began to notice that the potatoes weren't quite right....they had a disease, they were rotting in the fields...it was known as a potato blight and

46) this spread from farm to farm, from county to county, the people were dependent on the potato for food and for income....and

this spread so quickly that the famine had reached its height by 1847. It was, of course, much more than a mere natural disaster. British colonial policies before and during the crisis exacerbated the effects of the potato blight, potatoes from the east side of Ireland were still being exported to England....

Maroon reveals 100% of people in the area needed food

Red...60% of people needed food

Tan..45%, just under half of people needed food

47)leading to mass death by starvation and disease of people in the West of Ireland. It is estimated that 1,000,000 people starved to death!

48) Some of the people walked to the West coast of Ireland and other took carts to the SEAPORTS....

49) These are life size statues in Dublin, on the River Liffy Port, remembering the walk of the starving to the seaport

50) 2,000,000 Irish immigrated. The Irish in America learned of the horror Through letters and newspaper accounts, and later from the refugees themselves. Countless individuals sent money and tickets for ship passage to assist family and friends.

51) Irish-americans formed relief committees to solicit donations from the general public. Contributions came from every manner of organization, from charitable societies and businesses to

churches and synagogues. By the time the famine had ended in the early 1850s, millions in cash and goods had been sent to Ireland. But unfortunately most of it was not in time.

52) Remember the Choctaw Peoples...they heard about the struggle of the Irish

53) And collected \$761 which they sent to Ireland

Perhaps the Choctaw sympathy stemmed from their recognition of the similarities between themselves and the Irish. Both groups were victims of conquest that led to loss of property, forced migration and exile, mass starvation, and cultural suppression including language.

54) The Irish never forgot the generosity of the Choctaw nation and 150 years later, In 1990, a delegation of Choctaw officials was invited to participate in an annual walk in County Mayo commemorating a tragic starvation march that occurred during the Famine. In honor of the special guests, the organizers of "Action From Ireland" named the march, The Trail of Tears.

Two years later, two dozen people from Ireland came to the U.S. and retraced the 500-mile Trail of Tears. That same year the Choctaw tribe made Ireland's President, Mary Robinson, an honorary chief.

55) There is a plaque on Dublin's Mansion House, the Mansion house is where the Mayor of Dublin resides... this plaque honors the Choctaw contribution and it reads:

"Their humanity calls us to remember the millions of human beings throughout our world today who die of hunger and hunger-related illness in a world of plenty."

The Choctaw nation, a nation that was devastated, and was still recovering, where more than half its people had participated in the walk, who had held loved ones who were dying, showed MERCY

56) Damien Dempsey.....SONG....

57) **Mercy...an extraordinary tale of Mercy.....one people helping another...a story of MERCY**

27) I'd like to fast forward 160 years the year 2010...the country is Haiti, a country of extreme poverty, unemployment, hunger.... I'd like to share a story with you....a real story, one that I was part of, and I am not proud of the part I played in it

28) On Jan 12th, at 4:47pm Haiti was the victim of an earthquake, 7.0 on the Richter scale

29) Haiti is a country where the poor still use firewood to cook with...the trees are turned into charcoal...thus there are no trees for building houses. House are built with cement and rebar....Rebar is that metal structure that is erected first before the cement is poured....

30) thick rebar is more expensive so what do you think the people use?...**THIN** rebar....Thin rebar can hold up a roof and walls but not during a 7.0 earthquake...so when the ground shook the cement walls and roofs fell. AND THE PEOPLE WERE CRUSHED!!

31) I was able to get there on Day 3 post earthquake...the people came to us any way they could

In backs of cars and trucks

32) In wheelbarrows

33) On stretchers that were once the doors of their homes that had fallen

34) And we filled up our 2 tents to the max and overflowing with crushed people, 150 in one tent 1 and 250 in tent 2

35) on Day 4 James arrived...he had a metal bar that went through his pelvis into his leg, his arm was crushed and swollen, and a big cement block had hit his head...but after a few days he was feeling a little better..

36) Bedridden, James wasn't going anywhere, so I asked him to guard my duffle bag that held all my expensive "doctor instruments," worth thousands of dollars. I had all my IMPORTANT DOCTOR STUFF in it...very expensive...things I needed to take care of the children and in the time of disaster I didn't want any of it to disappear...

He took the job very seriously and when he was sleeping, he would put his arm through the straps so no one could walk away with it.

The food we had been promised had not yet arrived and hunger was spreading among the doctors, nurses and patients.

37)As a medical team we'd been advised to bring enough food and water for three days, but by this time I had exhausted the peanut butter and granola bars I had brought.

I had forgotten that I had a ziplock bag of nuts, raisins, and chocolate chips in the duffle bag. I was rummaging through the bag to get one of those doctor things...and buried in the bottom was this baggie of my own trail mix... I hadn't eaten anything in 12 hours and I was hungry. There was no sign of food....My pants were already very loose...I justified eating the little food I had because I needed to keep going for the kids..."what good would I be if I could no longer work"? So I would take a power bar and walk outside the tents and eat in private.... but then the power bars were gone, the peanut butter was gone, and I had licked the rim of the peanut butter so much that it no longer tasted of peanut butter...It was 12 hours since I had eaten and I was hungry....This boy hadn't eaten anything in days. Still, this was the only food I had left and I had to keep working 20-22 hours a day. No one knew when the promised food would arrive. I felt the bag of nuts in the bottom of the duffle and immediately knew what this was...but James was right there and starring at me...his arm was still wrapped around one strap....I so wanted to take those nuts and run away but he was watching me.

38) I couldn't get away with it....So keeping the bag in the duffle so no one would see how much I had I took out a handful of nuts and handed them to him. He immediately turned to

Katie in the next cot and gave half his nuts away;

39) she turned to Modeshia next to her and gave half her nuts away,

40) who passed some to Marie...and then Marie passed half her nuts to Marie...and so this went on, down about 6 cots, until the last child got just one nut.

Haiti is a country that knows hunger. In fact, it is one of the hungriest countries on earth. James and these children taught me how to share...

There is a story with MERCY waiting for you...HOW ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!!

You have Mercy in your name...you have a responsibility to be MERCY!!