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*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## **I'd Like To Make An Exchange**

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The story is told of a young man who was at the end of his rope. Seeing no relief from his burdens, he prayed to the Lord for help. He complained that his cross was too heavy to bear. So the Lord led him into a room...a large room, filled with crosses, and told him to lay his aside and pick another. The young man filled with relief thanked the Lord and began looking over the crosses. During hours of looking, he saw some crosses that were so large he could not see their top. Finally, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against a far wall. "I'd like that one," the young man said. To which the Lord replied, "My son, that is the cross you just brought in."

You know, when we begin to think our load is too heavy and our cross is too hard to bear, maybe it's time to count our blessings and thank God that we don't have to bear the crosses that some have to bear. Look around you. More than likely, things could be a lot worse.