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LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



COMPASSION

I believe God calls
all Christians to show
compassion to people in need.

Key Question:

**What about the poor
and injustice?**



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*When He
tells us
to love
our enemies,
He gives,
along with
the command,
the love itself.*

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Key Belief:

I believe God calls every Christian to be compassionate towards those who are in need.



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Psalm 116: 5 The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

6 The LORD protects the simple-hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me.

7 Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.



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Matt 9:35 ¶ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



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Matt 25 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?

38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

40 "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'



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Colossians 3

1 ¶ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

5 ¶ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.

7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

8 ¶ But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips.

9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.

11 Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

12 ¶ Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.



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Ps 67

1 ¶ For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song. May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us, Selah

2 that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

3 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth. Selah

5 May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.



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Key Verse:

Psalm 82:3,4

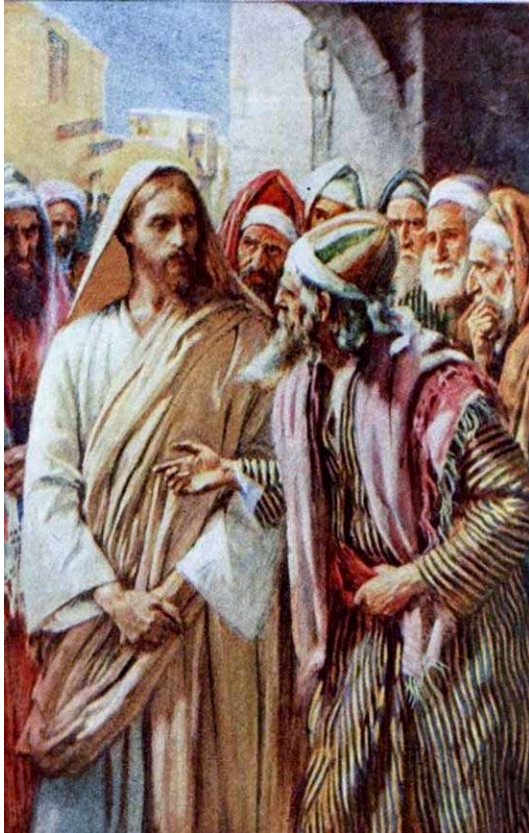
3 Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

4 Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.



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What does compassion look like? -the thinking of compassion.



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The Good Samaritan Luke 10

25 ¶ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

26 "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

27 He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

30 In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead.

31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.



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33 But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, **"Go and do likewise."**



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What does compassion look like? **-being and acting compassionately**

**a feeling of deep sympathy
and sorrow for another who
is stricken by misfortune,
accompanied by a strong
desire to alleviate the
suffering**



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What does compassion look like? -being and acting compassionately

Ex 33:19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."



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God created everything (Ge 1:1)
God is a warrior (Ex 15:3)
God is one (Deut 6:4)
God is trustworthy (Deut 7:9)
God is too great to be described (1 Ki 8:27)
God is gracious and merciful (Ne 9:31)
God is good (Ps 34:8)
God helps his people when they are in trouble (Ps 46:1)
God is mighty (Ps 50:1)
God is our rock (Ps 62:6)
God is our hope (Ps 71:5)
God is near everyone (Ps 75:1)
God is our salvation (Is 12:2)
1:8)

God is sovereign (Is 25:8)
God is holy (Is 29:23)
Only God is worthy of glory (Is 42:8)
God is our father (Matt 6:9)
God is all powerful (Lu 1:37)
God is spirit (Jn 4:24)
God is all-knowing (Ro 11:33)
God is knowable (Eph 1:17)
God is living (1 Ti 4:10)
God is King of kings (1 Ti 6:15)
God is approachable (Ja 4:8)
God is judge (Ja 4:12)
God is love (1 Jn 4:16)
God is almighty (Rev



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- God
- God Abandoning Individuals
- God Acting Of Old
- God Acts From Heaven
- God Alone
- God Always With You
- God Always Working
- God And The Heart
- God And The Humble
- God And The Poor
- God Angry With The Nations
- God Answered
- God Appearing
- God Appearing At The Doorway
- God Appearing In Fire
- God Appointed Afflictions
- God Appointing His Son
- God Appointing Others
- God Arising
- God As A Warrior
- God As An Old Person
- God As Doctor
- God As Enemy

- God, Compassion Of



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Justice is God giving us what we deserve

Mercy is God not giving us what we do deserve

Grace is God giving us what we do not deserve

Love is God, out of His being Love, seeking the best for each of His created people, without regard to the cost to Himself, or regard to their current reaction to His seeking. (the love of one who loves men purely for their own sake, and not because of any need or desire of his own, purely desires their good, and yet loves them wholly, not for what at this moment they are, but for what he knows he can make of them because he made them,)

Compassion is God seeing and feeling sympathy for our need that we are stricken with, and moving to provide for that need (a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.)

Compassion is one of the engine and transmission rooms of God's love to us all.



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What gets in the way of compassion?

Self absorption

Preference

In a hurry

Prejudice

Selfishness

Fear

Empathy mask for inaction

“It’s their job”

**pastor
government
help agencies
missionaries**

Time

Busyness

Geography

Resources

“Let them live with/fix their own problems”

Neuroscience training



“My part is too insignificant”

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How do we become more like Christ in being compassionate?

1. See every situation from God's perspective
2. Put to death every piece of clothing from earthly life
3. Clothe ourselves with the love of God and His compassion
4. See that God is using us as His ambassadors (gospel & compassion)
5. Pray for the poor and injustice situations
6. Pray for God's guidance as to how can I/we help
7. JESUS: GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Colossians 3



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What does BFA compassion look like?

Prayer for those in need

Visiting the needy

Benevolence team

**Helping and encouragement
meals**

Good Samaritan Inn breakfasts

**Missionary targeted support
local and foreign**

Christmas baskets

Christmas Child shoe boxes

Harmony House ministry

Needy community youth

Resources and fundraisers

Refugees support possibility

Ministries to the aged

Loving and compassionate to one another



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How compassionate am I?

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12 ¶ Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with **compassion**,

Col 4: 17 Tell **PHILIP**: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord."



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