Compassion, Forgiveness, and Priorities

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INTRODUCTION

- A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.
- What the Lord wants is for us to have all of our parts, for us to be fully trained to be like him.
- When it comes to discipleship, you never graduate from this school.

1 The Compassion of Jesus

Luke 7:11–15; Matthew 20:29–34; Matthew 9:36–38

- And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, Do not weep.
- If we are to be like Jesus, we must be people that are compassionate.
- These men had a faith that made Jesus stand still on the road that day.
- When Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd.
- And they need the gospel. They need to know Jesus. And we need to have compassion.

2 As His Custom Was

Luke 4:16

- He came to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read.
- He didn't forget what day it was. As his custom was.
- That's the way we need to be when it comes to our living under the New Testament dispensation. It just needs to be just as habitual, just as regular.
- We ought not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another.

3 Jesus Was Attentive to the Little Children

Mark 10:13–16

- Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them. For of such is the kingdom of God.
- And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.
- See, children are important to Jesus.
- Now, if we're like Jesus, children are important to us.
- To seize that time when they're young and to bond with them and teach them God's word.

4 His Willingness to Forgive

Isaiah 53; Matthew 18:23–35

- His first recorded words on the cross were, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

- For them to be forgiven, Jesus had to die.
- So will my Father do to you if each one of you from his heart does not forgive his brother.
- If we want to be like Jesus, we must be a forgiving people. We must pray for the forgiveness of others. We must stand willing to forgive.

5 Jesus' Priorities

John 6:38; John 8:29

- My food is to do the will of him that sent me and to accomplish his work.
- I came from heaven not to do my own will, but the will of my father who sent me.
- The most important thing for Jesus was doing the Father's will.
- Jesus was consumed with zeal for his father's house.
- There's one thing that's needful, and that's doing the will of our Father in heaven.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **When people see you and me, do they see someone that is consumed with zeal for the Father's house?**

MY NOTES