# Compassion

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## INTRODUCTION

- I'm afraid sometimes we lose the awe that we should have that here was somebody with leprosy.
- There is certainty, there is faith, there is trust in the leper's words.
- I think it's interesting that Jesus is moved by compassion, and it shows me as a follower of Christ, I have to be moved in that same way.

## 1 Feel Compassion Towards Others

**Matthew 9:35–38; John 13; Romans 6**

- From Jesus, we have to feel compassion towards others.
- When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them. Because they were harassed and helpless. Like sheep without a shepherd.
- We can and must show compassion for people's physical needs and their spiritual needs.
- If I'm not serving others, it's either that I don't know how, and that's an easily remedied problem, or I don't care enough. And that's a major heart problem.
- When you come to serve, even the master would get down and wash gross feet.
- And if Jesus had compassion, I have to too.

## 2 Getting Our Hands Dirty

**Galatians 6:1–3**

- Jesus not only was talking with him, not only was approached by him and didn't recoil, Jesus heals him by touching him.
- Compassion drives us to meet people where they're at.
- Find a place you can serve and stop doing just what's easy. Do what's hard.
- God calls all hands on deck.
- Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- If I don't have relationships to bear one another's burdens, I have to make them, or I'm not fulfilling the law of Christ.

## 3 Start With Humility and Trust Before God

**Mark 1:40; Philippians 2:1–11**

- He's kneeling. He didn't forget who he was.
- I think part of our compassion problem is we think it depends on me to decide who deserves compassion.
- When I think about who I am before Jesus, I am a humble slave who needs his grace every day.

- If I am forgiven and if I am dependent upon my grace from God, shouldn't I be willing to show grace to others?
- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility. Count others more significant than yourselves.
- Maybe you don't have the emotion down, but no matter what, have the verb. Look out to the interest of others first.

## 4 Compassion Begins a Chain of Love

**Acts 4:17–21; Matthew 5:16**

- For we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.
- The reaction of the healing in verse 21 caused people to praise God.
- We need to remember that what we're doing isn't about me at all. It's serving God.
- We never know what type of impact we can have on people.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I have to have compassion for others that says their life is worth my service. If I see a need, I will fill a need.**

MY NOTES