

Walking with the Word
(Study of Jesus' interaction with People)

COMPASSION OF CHRIST

Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-In-Law

Matthew 8:14-15 ¹⁴ Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. ¹⁵ So He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

- * Mark/Luke says they told Jesus about her sickness, rebuked fever
- * Took time from what He was there for...
- * Cared about those who his friends cared about – True Friend

John 15:15-16 ¹⁵ **No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

- * **Compassion to Someone Sick/Friend's Family Member**
- * Shows you care about them and their family member !

Jesus Raises Woman at Nain Son

Luke 7:11-16 ¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. ¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people."

- * When the Lord saw her – Anyone else, everyone else, No one else??
- * He had Compassion on Her!
- * Saw Need, Care enough to do something
- * **Compassion to Someone Hurting**

Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Matthew 14:14 ¹⁴ And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Mark 6:34 ³⁴ And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

John 6:4-6 ⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "**Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**" ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

- * **Compassion Meet Needs we See** (whatever that means)

Jesus Has Compassion on Syro-Phonician Woman's Daughter

Matthew 15:21-28 ²¹ Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." ²³ But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." ²⁴ But He answered and said, "**I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**" ²⁵ Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" ²⁶ But He answered and said, "**It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs.**" ²⁷ And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered and said to her, "**O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.**" And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

- * **Compassion toward a Stranger**

Compassion of the Samaritan

Luke 10:29-37²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead.³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”³⁷ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

* **Compassion toward our “Neighbors = Enemies”**

Matthew 9:35-10:1³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

* **Compassion by Involving Others** (Goldens/Cliffview; BFC/Prison)

Application

Go & Do Likewise – Show compassion toward:
Sick, Friend’s Family Member, Hurting, See/Need, Stranger, Enemy
Involve Others!

Matthew 5:14-16¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden...¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.