



PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word
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Lecture Notes
Matthew Lesson 15
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The Compassion of Christ

"I feel compassion for the people," Matthew 15:32

- I. What is Compassion?
- Webster's Dictionary 1828 defines it as, "Suffering _____ another; _____ sympathy; commiseration."
 - The Greek word for compassion in the New Testament means "to be _____ in the inward parts." It refers most literally to the bowels or guts of a person- it's an ancient way of referring to what rises up from one's _____ core.
 - "Compassion means someone else's heartbreak becomes _____ heartbreak. Another's suffering becomes _____ suffering. True compassion changes the way we live." ~ Compassion International
 - Compassion, literally a feeling _____ and _____ others.
- II. Jesus' Compassion
- He stated it - "I feel compassion for the people" Matthew 15:32
 - Notice he felt it - "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36
 - Others observed it -Matthew 14:14 "He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them and healed their sick."
 - "Compassion is the _____ which is most frequently attributed to Christ." ~ B.B Warfield, Person and work of Christ
 - "Jesus was the _____ display of the _____ tender compassion for sinners." ~John Piper
 - Spurgeon said, "Therefore in the incarnation, He had compassion,"

*The widow of Nain *Read Luke 7:11-15*

- Jesus notices our griefs and carries our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4)
- Jesus hears the cry of the sorrowful. He _____ comforts us.
- Jesus doesn't merely comment on sickness, sin and death, He overcomes them. Jesus is a victor over death.
- "Jesus is a _____ of separated loved ones." ~ Alistair Begg

*The parable of the Good Samaritan *Read Luke 10:30-37*

- *Priest- saw him, passed by on the other side.*
- *Levite- saw him, passed by on the other side. (Read Deut. 22:1-4)*
- *Samaritan- when he saw him, he _____ compassion.*
 - *He used his resources to help him*
 - *He bandaged his wounds*
 - *Put him on his animal*
 - *Took him to an inn and cared for him overnight*
 - *Gives money to ensure his care and guarantees to foot the bill for any extra fees related to his recovery.*
- *Read Matthew 25:35-40 “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for _____.”*

*The parable of the lost son * Read Luke 15:11-20*

- a. *The father has _____ love for the lost son.*
- b. *God has deep love and _____ mercy towards His creation.*
- c. *Exodus 34:6 -God is merciful and _____!*

III. A heart of compassion

Read Colossians 3:12 “put on a heart of compassion”

Believers are called to _____ compassion because we serve as _____ of God’s grace and mercy to a broken world.

God, grow compassion in me!

Read Lamentations 3:22-23 “For His compassions never fail.”