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THE POWER OF COMPASSION

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." - Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

WHAT IS COMPASSION?

COMPASSION IS MORE THAN FEELING SORRY FOR SOMEONE. IT'S LOVE IN ACTION. IT'S SEEING SOMEONE'S PAIN AND DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THE ULTIMATE EXAMPLE IS JESUS

THROUGHOUT THE GOSPELS, JESUS CONSISTENTLY SHOWED COMPASSION:

- "WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK." - **MATTHEW 14:14**
- JESUS WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WERE 'LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.'" - **MARK 6:34**
- "JESUS WEPT WITH THOSE WHO WERE MOURNING THE LOSS OF LAZARUS, SHOWING HIS HEART FOR THE HURTING." - **JOHN 11:35**

COMPASSION REQUIRES ACTION

THE GOOD SAMARITAN: HE DIDN'T JUST FEEL BAD FOR THE INJURED MAN. HE STOPPED, HELPED, AND PROVIDED CARE AND HELP. - **LUKE 10:25-37**

HOW CAN WE LIVE IT OUT?



See the need. Pray and ask God to open your eyes.

Feel with others. Let your heart be tender.

Do something. Offer time, resources, or a kind word.

CHALLENGE



WHO CAN YOU SHOW COMPASSION TO TODAY? IT COULD BE A NEIGHBOR, A STRANGER, OR EVEN A FAMILY MEMBER?

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