

Imitation of Christ Series
Compassion

Exodus 33:19; 34:6; Nehemiah 9:17; Psalm 86:15; 103:8; Psalm 116:5; Lamentations 3:22-23

How Jesus is the model of compassion

1. Jesus modeled the heart of God (Luke 4:18–19)
2. Provided Good news of salvation (Matthew 9:36)
3. Healed the sick (Matthew 14:14; 20:34; Mark 1:41)
4. Fed the hungry (Matthew 15:32)
5. Forgiveness (Luke 15:20)

What is compassion?

1. Awareness of a need
2. An expression of unconditional love
3. Attitude
4. Action

The need for compassion

- Everyone needs it
- Vulnerable people
- Spiritually weak
- Physically weak
- Emotionally weak
- Children
- Marginalized
- The sinners of the society

What gets in the way of compassion

- Selfishness
- Inconvenient
- Tight grip
- Attitude of justice

How to show compassion (James 2:14-17)

- Be open to the movement and direction of the Holy Spirit
- Be willing to set aside your personal agenda
- Be prepared for rejection or problems
- Realize that you do not have to solve every problem
- Compassion is not something we need to wait for permission to offer
- Compassion does not leave a situation the same but seeks to improve it

Giving someone a loaf of bread is different than giving them the Bread of Life.
 Matthew 25:31-46