

## A PASSION FOR COMPASSION

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Jesus displayed all the compassion for what we need.

Types of human compassion

- Familial compassion** is the caring that parents exhibit towards their children.  
[John 19:25-27](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- Familial compassion** is a concern for people who are familiar to oneself.  
[John 11:33](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- Stranger compassion** is a concern for people who are not familiar to oneself, such as those that are not part of one's own family or social group. [Luke 7:13](#)  
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- Global compassion** is a concern for all people *and* is a central concern in that person's life. [Matthew 11:28-30; 28:19-20](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- Creation compassion** is a concern for all of God's creation. Non-human (Jesus referred) \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus' compassion had a two-part application

- Proximal compassion** is concerned with alleviating suffering felt right now.  
(Physical healing) \_\_\_\_\_
- Distal compassion** is concerned with avoiding suffering in the future.  
(Eternal healing) \_\_\_\_\_

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:** [Matthew 9:35-38](#) / [Matthew 14:13-16](#)

The ministry of Jesus' compassion

- Jesus was unbiased. He was impartial \_\_\_\_\_
- He sought out those who were lost \_\_\_\_\_
- He was confident and comfortable in the truth of the gospel \_\_\_\_\_
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- His gift was not limited it was practical, eternal, and life-changing  
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Jesus' compassion in action

- The blind beggar [Matt 20:29-34 NASB](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- The women at the well [John 4:7-10](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- The bleeding woman [Luke 8:43-48](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- The man with leprosy [Luke 5:12-16](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- The children around Jesus [Matt 19:13-14](#) \_\_\_\_\_
- The tax collector [Luke 19:1-10](#) \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite story of Jesus's compassion? \_\_\_\_\_

## Message Application: How to exercise compassion

5- keys to compassion.

- The first key is to listen.** If we intend to be sympathetic and compassionate, we must listen!
- The second key is to show your desire to understand.** Listen with the intent of understanding
- The **third key is love.** Compassionate, sensitive, giving love is of prime importance if effective compassion is to be generated. Such love is patient and kind. This love originates with God (Galatians 5:22-23,25).
- Key four is openness and trust.** Compassionate people should seek to develop a genuine concern about others and should learn to honestly and openly show it.
- Key five is hope.** You can't have true compassion for someone without giving them hope. Hope brings comfort, mobilizes our energy; it enables us to keep on going even in the midst of difficulties.

**1 Peter 3:8 Finally, *be all like minded, compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, humble minded***

**Compassion BLOCKS** refer to when an individual would like to be compassionate but is unable due to environmental constraints

- Lack of time or resources
- Ignorance or lack of insight into the causes of suffering

**Compassion RESISTANCES** refer to when the individual could be compassionate but is not.

- This is not due to fear, but rather because he or she sees no point to compassion or is focused on competitive self-advantage and holds onto their resources instead of sharing them.

## Message related to CVYR ministries

- Great news! Compassion is a partnership
- Compassion is a direct reflection of your gratitude to the cross
- Non-profit ministries are the stretched-out arms of compassion within the church towards its community
- CVYR is a ministry that provides an outreach of compassion to all compassion needs.
- Stirring the passion for compassion.

**Conclusion:**

Let's continue to remind one another that Jesus had unconditional passion. Our compassion is not ours to pick and choose who receives it, but to give freely to all those we encounter. Go out and give people the compassion they don't deserve.