

5 Day Devotional for the week of July 20, 2025

This week's five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. As we explore the themes of compassion and the Great Commission, we will reflect on how we can embody Jesus' teachings in our daily lives.

Day 1, Monday

Colossians 3:12-13

Today, we will focus on the importance of compassion as an essential characteristic of a believer. In the passage from Colossians, we are reminded that we are chosen, holy, and loved. This knowledge should move us to embody the virtues that Christ demonstrated, particularly compassion, kindness, humility, and patience. Compassion goes beyond a mere feeling; it is a divine attribute that we are called to reflect in our interactions with others.

As we open our hearts and minds to God's working within us, we can be empowered to show compassion, demonstrating it not just in our words but through our actions. It is through the grace given to us by God that we learn to forgive and bear with one another, just as Christ has done for each of us. Let us be deliberate in clothing ourselves with compassion this week.

- How can I demonstrate compassion in my daily encounters?
- What are some barriers that prevent me from showing compassion?
- In what situations have I recently felt a need for compassion, both towards myself and others?
- Pray for a heart that is sensitive to the needs of others.
- Ask God to help you embody Christ-like compassion in your actions today.

Day 2, Tuesday

Matthew 9:36

In Matthew 9:36, we see Jesus displaying profound compassion towards the crowds. His heart was moved by the sight of people who were distressed and lost, and He responded by acting on that compassion. This passage serves as a profound reminder that true compassion moves us to action. We must ask ourselves: when was the last time I saw a need and responded to it?

Our call as believers is to emulate the compassionate heart of Christ. This means being aware of the needs around us—both physical and spiritual—and taking steps to address those needs.

Whether it's providing for someone in need or sharing the love of Jesus with those who feel lost, compassion should drive our actions. Today, let's reflect on how we can actively demonstrate that compassion in our world.

- What needs do I see around me that require a compassionate response?
- How can I actively engage with my community to show compassion?
- In what ways has Jesus modeled compassion for me that I can replicate?
- Pray for clarity on how to act on the needs that you witness.
- Seek God's guidance on opportunities to extend compassion this week.

Day 3, Wednesday

1 John 3:17-18

This scripture encourages us to go beyond theoretical love to practical love—where our faith is put into tangible actions. If we have resources and see someone in need, our call is to meet that need. This concept emphasizes that compassion is not merely a good intention but should manifest itself in concrete actions that benefit others.

Reflecting on this passage, we are challenged to examine our own lives and the ways we can embody this love. It invites us to look deeply into our interactions with others—whether within our families, communities, or workplaces—and identify how we can more fully extend compassion and support the needs of those around us. True love and compassion will always lead us to be more generous and sacrificial in serving others.

- How do my actions reflect my love for those in need?
- What resources or talents do I have that I can share with others?
- How can I show compassion to someone who may be overlooked in my community?
- Ask for opportunities to put your love into action today.
- Pray for the discernment to recognize the needs around you and to respond accordingly.

Day 4, Thursday

Romans 5:8

In Romans 5:8, we are reminded of the ultimate act of compassion shown through Jesus' sacrifice for us while we were still sinners. This profound act not only defines compassion but also exemplifies how we are to respond to others. As those who have received such grace, there is an expectation that we will extend that same compassion to others.

As we reflect on this verse, we recognize that our actions—when rooted in God's love—become the true expressions of His compassion. Today, let's meditate on how we can reflect Christ's love in our actions and interactions. Each act of kindness, every gesture of compassion, is an opportunity to mirror the heart of Jesus in the world around us.

- How has God's compassion transformed my understanding of love?
- In what aspects of my life am I being called to extend grace as God has to me?
- What does it look like to live out my faith through compassion in practical ways?
- Pray for the ability to show grace to those who may not deserve it.
- Reflect on how God's love has been evident in your life and how to share that with others.

Day 5, Friday

Exodus 34:6

This verse offers a beautiful depiction of God's compassionate nature. As Moses encounters God and learns of His character, we understand that compassion is intrinsic to who God is. As followers of Christ, we are invited to recognize and emulate this characteristic, not just in our spiritual lives but in every interaction we have.

Let us conclude our devotional by reflecting on how we can cultivate a heart aligned with God's compassion. This is a lifelong journey that requires openness and a willingness to be transformed. Each day provides a new opportunity to grow in compassion and to bring Godly love into our broken world, connecting with those who are in need and sharing God's good news.

- What does it mean for me to reflect God's compassionate nature in my life?
- In what areas do I need to seek God's help to grow more compassionate?
- How can I intentionally seek to connect with those who are experiencing hardship?
- Pray for a heart that mirrors God's compassion and love.
- Ask the Lord to reveal specific ways you can show compassion to those around you.