

Series: Anchors: convictions to counter the dangerous drift.

Speaker: Pastor Mike Bryant

Scripture: Various Scriptures

Sermon: Compassion: I will care without compromise

Dig Deeper:

1. Which of the lies mentioned about compassion at the beginning of the sermon have you heard?
2. How would you define compassion? What are some synonyms of compassion?
3. In John 11:35, why does Jesus weep if He is about to raise Lazarus from the dead?
4. Is it wise to take on the emotions of others? Are we called to do this?
5. How can compassion exist outside of suffering?
6. Why is Stoicism incompatible with God's compassion?
7. How can you grow to become more compassionate?
8. Where do you typically fall on the scale that Pastor Mike mentions? Why do you think that is?
9. Can you think of any biblical examples where God doesn't show compassion, why doesn't He do it in those situations?
10. Give some examples of compassion that you have seen in your life.
11. What are some common reasons why people don't show compassion?
12. Are you prone to resist God's compassion and the compassion of others? Are you prone to self-condemnation? Why?

Personal Application:

13. If you are prone to be Stoic, ask God to open your heart to experience the love and care for others.
14. Parents: which side of the compassion scale do you typically fall on? Are you more prone to truth or grace? Examine your heart and pray for balance.
15. Pray for God to reveal specific people you need to give compassion to.

For further study:

16. Study Exodus 34:6-7. How is it possible for God to be compassionate yet still punish the guilty?