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Part of OneChanging the world - One at a time!

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Message: And

Series: One

This is a series based on God's call for us to change the world, one person at a time. Jesus modeled this in His ministry, and He teaches us to model it throughout our life - in the way that we live, in the things that we do. We model it through how (and what or who) we love, and the action of being His hands and feet, reaching one person at a time.

And

'And' is a powerful word. Even standing alone, by itself, it means it's looking for something or someone else. And isn't a word that's compatible with alone or isolation... I'll take it a step further, it's a word that challenges selfishness because it's a word that literally means - there's more!

—Pastor Chad

See how Jesus handled the "AND"

Luke 7:13 (NKJV)

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep."

Matthew 14:14 (NKJV)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Matthew 20:34 (NKJV)

So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Mark 6:34 (KJV)

And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with

compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Matthew 18:27 (HCSB)

Then the master of that slave had compassion, released him, and forgave him the loan.

Compassion

- Compassion moved Jesus to action

John 13:35 (NLT)

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

When love like that drives you to action (as it did Jesus), it will prove to the world that you belong to Him!

With Jesus, compassion always led Him to an action (there's always the "and").

Compassion and sympathy are not the same. Sympathy means you feel for them, compassion means you feel with them.

- Sympathy at its root - is about you.
- Compassion at its root - is about others.

The test of compassion is in the "and"...

—Kyle Idleman

You're the conduit for Jesus - it flows through you. It doesn't start with you or end with you, it flows through.

- Compassion is the fuel to changing the world, one at a time
- The test of compassion is action

It's a Verb

- Compassion is not a feeling, it's an action
- Compassion is faith in action

I call it living it out and that's not just what Jesus wants us to do, it's what He expects us to do - if - if, we are following Him... If, we are His disciples... If, we are His!
—Pastor Chad

The Biblical definition of compassion is not a noun, it's a verb.

Real compassion doesn't just break your heart. It moves your muscles!"
—Kyle Idleman

He goes on to say, "Feelings of compassion are God's call to action! The way you know whether you choose compassion isn't by how you feel but by what you do. The test of compassion isn't the feelings you have but the one at a time stories you can tell."

Psalms 116:5 (NIV)

The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Paul goes on to say, not only does God fill you with comfort... you can't hold all of it! It overflows! It's not our comfort, it's His comfort in us that flows through us!

Have you allowed God to comfort and work in you? It's always "in then through" - He has to work in you in order to work through you. Let Him start - today!