



## COMPASSION

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While the world is more connected, with the overwhelming needs in the world, it seems that our focus on caring is both compartmentalized and as a result, minimized.

### WHY WE SEEM TO STRUGGLE BEING COMPASSIONATE:

- 1) WE'RE MORE OBSESSED WITH **OURSELVES**
- 2) OVERWHELMING EXPOSURE TO SUFFERING **DESENSITIZES** US
- 3) LACK OF **PERSONAL** INTERACTION MAKES IT EASIER NOT TO CARE

**CHRIST-FOLLOWERS** ARE PEOPLE OF COMPASSION.

TRUE COMPASSION DEMANDS **ACTION**.

*splagchnizomai* (splangkh-nid'-zom-ah-ee); TO HAVE THE BOWELS YEARN, FEEL DEEP SYMPATHY, TO BE **MOVED TO ACTION**.

**Splagchnizomai** MEANS A VISCERAL, GUT-WRENCHING, EMOTIONAL RESPONSE THAT IS SO STRONG THAT WE ARE PHYSICALLY MOVED TO ACTION.

**Splagchnizomai** SUGGESTS THAT WHEN WE SEE HUMAN NEED, WE RESPOND PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND DECISIVELY.

TO SAY YOU CARE BUT NOT **ACT** IS TO NOT **CARE** AT ALL.

*A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean, he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. I am willing, he said. Be healed!* Mark 1:40-41

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.* Matthew 14:14

*Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.* Matthew 20:34

**THE MORE WE OBSESS OVER SOCIAL MEDIA, THE MORE WE CARE ABOUT OURSELVES.**

**THE MORE WE OBSESS OVER JESUS AND HIS CHURCH, THE MORE WE CARE ABOUT OTHERS.**

COMPASSION...

- 1) **INTERRUPTS**

**GOD WORKS THROUGH DIVINE INTERRUPTIONS**

- 2) **COSTS**

- 3) **CHANGES LIVES**

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