

“Character of God”

Part 1: Compassion

Sunday, November 15th, 2020

Exodus 34:6-7a (NIV)

“And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished;”

God’s core character traits are rooted in generous mercy and loyal love.

God would not be good if He didn’t get angry at evil.

How would you describe Him today?

Compassion- “rakhum” in Hebrew

“Deeply moved”

1 Kings 3:28 (NIV)

“When all Israel heard the verdict the king had given, they held the king in awe, because they saw that he had wisdom from God to administer justice.”

“Deeply moved”

God is caring for them as He would his own child.

Sound familiar?

“Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.” (Isaiah 49:15- ESV)

God is full of motherly compassion for you and He will never forget you.

Jesus: Yahweh’s deepest compassion, become human.

In Greek, the word compassion, is “oiktirmos.”

Matthew 23:37 (NLT)

““O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.”

Your mission: allowing ourselves to be moved by the pain of others, to embrace the hurting and to participate in relieving suffering in the world.

Luke 6:35-36 (NLT)

““Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are unthankful and wicked. You must be compassionate, just as your Father is compassionate.”

Compassion: “deeply moved”