

## Made Alive: How to live with Compassion

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Matthew 9:35-38

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"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

(Matthew 5:27-28)

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"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

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Matthew 14:14

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

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Critical Heart

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John 12:4-8

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages. Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

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Do you ever consider, the way someone is acting or responding could be a result of the pain they're experiencing?

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Calloused Heart

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Luke 10:36-37

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise

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Matthew 13:15

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them

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Cold Heart

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Ezekiel 36:26

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart

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The answer to a hurting world isn't LESS COMPASSION - IT'S MORE

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YOU CAN'T REACH EVERYONE, BUT YOU CAN REACH SOMEONE

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JESUS NEVER SAID HARVESTING WOULD BE EASY - BUT HE DID SAY THE HARVEST IS READY

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JOHN 4:35

35 Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

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Compassion is CHRISTLIKE

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