



JESUS

AND THE HEART OF GOD

How Jesus Demonstrates **God's Essential Qualities** in the Gospels

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Theme Passage

EXODUS 34:6-7 (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; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”



Five Essential Qualities

BASED ON GOD'S SELF-REVELATION IN EXODUS 34:6-7



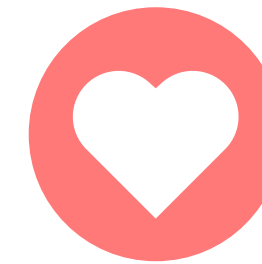
Compassion



Grace



Patience

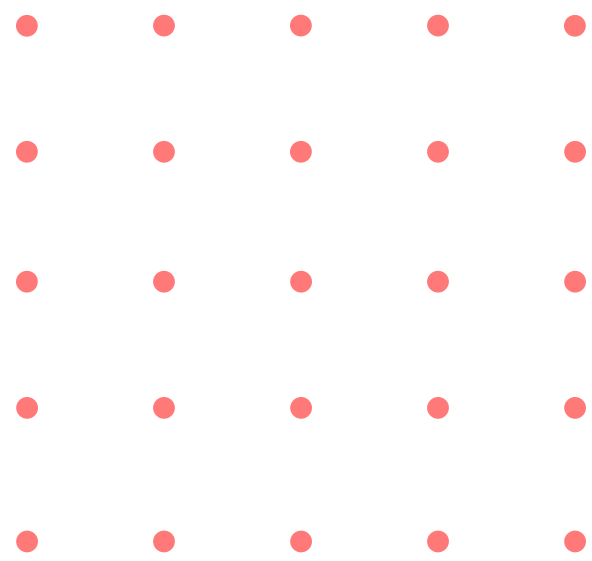


Love



Faithfulness

“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...”



How Does Jesus Demonstrate God's **Five Essential Qualities?**

God in the Flesh

EXCERPTS FROM JOHN

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. **The Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

–John 1:1,2,14 (NIV)



God in the Flesh

EXCERPTS FROM JOHN

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **If you really know me, you will know my Father as well.** From now on, you do know him and have seen him... **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** ”

–John 14:6–7,9 (NIV)



"Exact Representation"

HEBREWS 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the **exact representation** of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.



Compassion in Action

WHEN JESUS SHOWS "COMPASSION"

- **Matt. 9:35–38.** Compassion for the crowds.
- **Matt. 14:13–16.** Feeding the 5,000.
- **Matt. 15:29–32.** Feeding the 4,000.
- **Matt. 20:34.** Two blind men.
- **Mark 1:41*.** Man with leprosy.
- **Luke 7:12–13.** A widow during her son's funeral.



Jesus's Parables

STORIES ABOUT COMPASSION

- **Matt. 18:31–35.**Unmerciful Servant.
- **Luke 10:25–37.**Good Samaritan.
- **Luke 15:11–32.**The Prodigal Son.



Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion on them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Ezekiel 34:5, "So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals."

Matthew 14

VERSES 1-12

- John the Baptist is executed by Herod.

VERSES 13-14

- "When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, **he had compassion on them** and healed their sick."

VERSES 15-21

- Jesus feeds the 5,000.



Matthew 15

VERSES 29-31

- Jesus heals crowds of people on a remote mountain.

VERSES 32

- Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “**I have compassion for these people**; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.”

VERSES 33-39

- Jesus feeds the 4,000.



Matthew 20:29-34 (NIV)

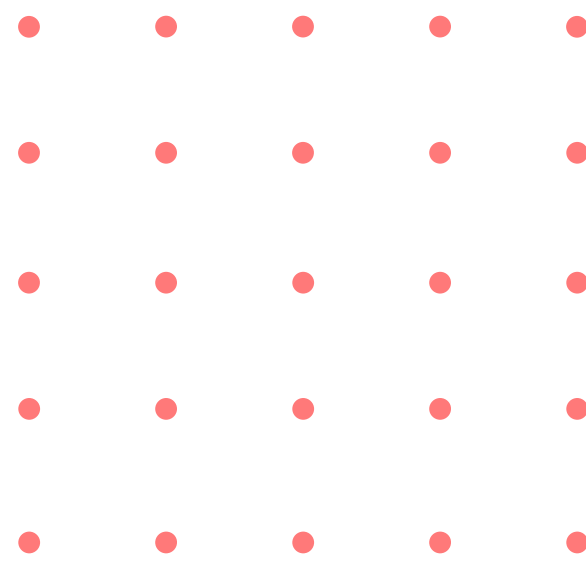
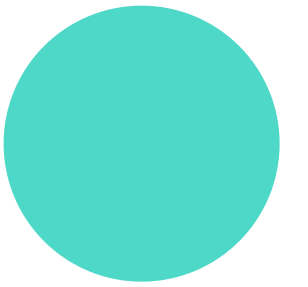
29 As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. 30 Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, **have mercy on us!**”

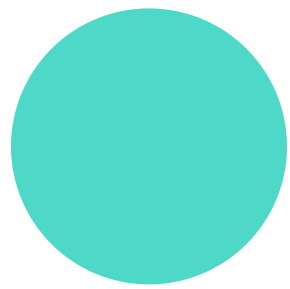
31 The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, **have mercy on us!**”

32 Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

33 “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.”

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

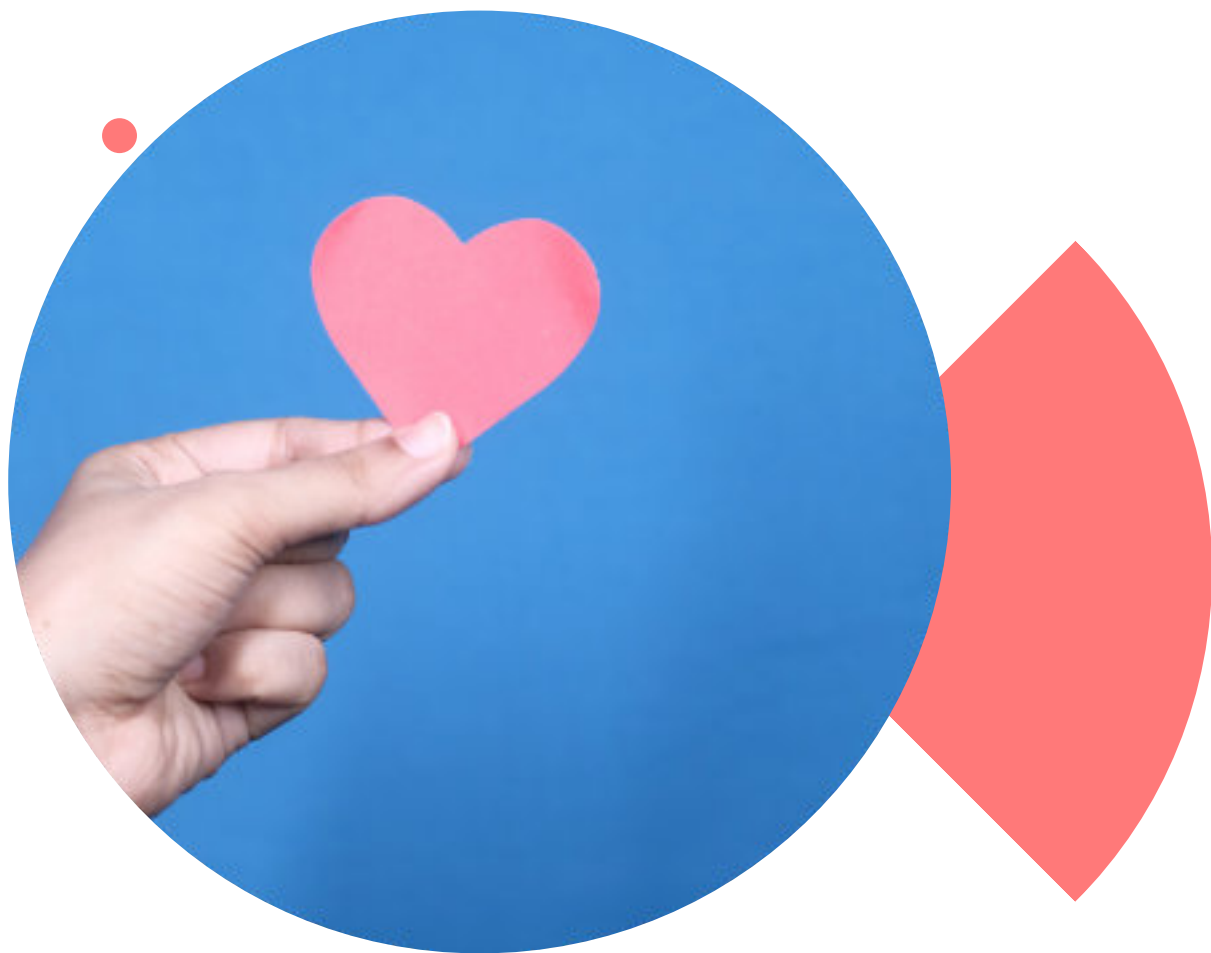




Mark 1:40-42

40 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.

41 **Moved with compassion,** Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” 42 Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed. (NLT)



Luke 7:11-15 (NLT)

11 Soon afterward Jesus went with his disciples to the village of Nain, and a large crowd followed him. 12 A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow's only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her. 13 **When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion.** "Don't cry!" he said. 14 Then he walked over to the coffin and touched it, and the bearers stopped. "Young man," he said, "I tell you, get up." 15 Then the dead boy sat up and began to talk! And Jesus gave him back to his mother.



Parables

PEOPLE WHO NEED OUR COMPASSION



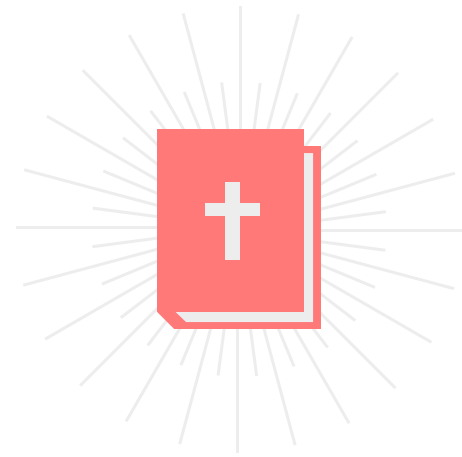
MATTHEW 18
Unmerciful Servant



LUKE 10
Good Samaritan



LUKE 15
Prodigal Son



Further Study

2 Corinthians 1:3–5

Ephesians 4:29–32

Philippians 2:1–4

Colossians 3:12–14

1 Peter 3:8–9

1 John 3:16–18