



COMPASSION

living proof of a loving God

Sacrifice

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"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.

I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

'Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?

Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?

When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

MATTHEW 25:35-40 | NLT

"... Give yourselves completely to God - every part of you ... you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes."

ROMANS 6:13b | LB

"The only thing Christianity cannot be is moderately important."

C. S. LEWIS

WHY SACRIFICE?

1 Because of Christ's example.

• Biblical principle #1:

Genuine love is always sacrificial.

"Christ came ... to take away all sin by sacrificing himself."

HEBREWS 9:26 | NCV

"Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."

EPHESIANS 5:2 | NLT

2 Because of my purpose.

"It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

EPHESIANS 2:10 | LB

• Biblical principle #2:

You get by giving.

"Those who try to hold on to their lives will give up true life. Those who give up their lives for me will hold on to true life."

MATTHEW 10:39 | NCV

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Because of God's reward.

• **Biblical principle #3:**

God notices everything.

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."

HEBREWS 6:10 | NIV

"Jesus said 'Let me assure you that no one has ever given up anything -- home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or property -- for love of me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back, a hundred times over ... and shall have eternal life."

MARK 10:29-30 | LB

• **We can't do everything, but we can do something.**

NLT = NEW LIVING TRANSLATION, LB = LIVING BIBLE,
NCV = NEW CENTURY VERSION, NIV = NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION.

Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** Have you ever tried to tithe your time? 10% of 24 hours: $2.4 \times 7 = 16.8$ hours per week. Which is more precious to you-time or money and why?
- 3** Share a time in your life when you were blessed by someone else or blessed by being a blessing.
- 4** Sacrifices always bring life. Do you agree or disagree, and why?
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?