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“Compassion Crossover”

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

The Compassion of God

Hosea 11:1-4 – (1) “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. (2) The more they were called, the more they went away; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning offerings to idols. (3) Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms, but they did not know that I healed them. (4) I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them.”

Mark 6:34 – “When (*Jesus*) went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.”

Romans 5:7-8 – (7) “For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— (8) but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

The Passion of Self-Will

Genesis 4:9 – “Then the LORD said to Cain, ‘Where is Abel your brother?’ He said, ‘I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper (*Shamar – to hedge about, protector, preserver*)?’”

1 Corinthians 10:29 – “...For why should my liberty be determined by someone else’s conscience?”

First-Fruit of the Fall

Genesis 2:23 – “Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’”

Genesis 3:12 – “The man said, ‘*The* woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.’”

Sin Sets Me against Thee; Compassion Links Me & Thee

Coming Near to Care

Luke 10:33-37 – (33) “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. (34) He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. (35) And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ (36) Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ (37) He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’”

Using Your Imagination

Hebrews 13:3 – “Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them...”

A Mark of Maturity is the Ability to Put Yourself in Another’s Place, To Imagine How Another Feels

Compassion in Action

Romans 15:1-3 – (1) “We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. (2) Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. (3) For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.’”

1 John 3:17-18 – (17) “But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? (18) Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”

Leviticus 19:33-34 – (33) “When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. (34) You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”

Assignment:

- (1) Pray to God for a compassionate heart**
- (2) Ask God to give you an opportunity to show compassion this week**

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