

# DAY 6

**And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.**

**Hebrews 13:16 NLT**

When our compassion moves us to action, we wind up helping other people. Plus, we start to see more opportunities to show compassion. Most importantly, God is pleased with the good work we do! This doesn't mean we show compassion to earn God's approval, or that God is angry if we miss an opportunity to show compassion. It means, God cares far more about the things we do, than the things we say or think about but never act on. Let's choose to be people who turn our compassion into action God is pleased with!

**Think of three ways you can practice compassion today. What is holding you back from doing it? What can you do to make it a reality?**

# DAY 7

**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**

**John 10:10 NIV**

Memorizing this verse helps to remind us of the amazing life Jesus as given us, but also the great life He has invited others to have. Showing compassion for other people is a great way to be an example of what full life is truly all about.

**Repeat the scripture out loud.**

**Write out the verse a few times. Also, study it and understand it so you know why you're memorizing it.**

Memorizing scripture helps you grow in your relationship with Jesus. It reminds you of *what*, *why*, and *how* God has called us to do what Scripture says.

# DAILY DEVOTIONAL

FOR AN  
**everyday faith.**

START THE PARTY / WEEK 4


# DAY 1

**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." His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?" "How many loaves do you have," Jesus asked? "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish." He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.**  
**Matthew 15:32-39 NIV**

Have you ever seen a movie, show, or YouTube video that made you emotional? Maybe you actually cried. Okay, what about this? Have you ever watched something that made you want to do something? You didn't just feel an emotion, you felt called to action. In this passage from Matthew, that is what Jesus is experiencing. Compassion is an emotional response to empathy or sympathy and gives us a desire to help. First, we see; then, we feel; finally, we act. And when we do? We show the love of Jesus. Notice that Jesus does all of those things in this story! What is an issue or cause that you feel empathy or sympathy toward, but haven't acted on yet? How could you begin to take action and help? That's compassion. This week we're talking about how a party starter comes alongside people to experience their difficulties alongside them. They notice, care, and show up to be WITH them throughout whatever they are experiencing.

# DAY 2

**Those who give freely will be blessed. That's because they share their food with those who are poor.**  
**Proverbs 22:9 NIRV**



“I see things differently” is something people say that really just means, “I think differently about things now.” How we see things will determine what we see. Maybe you used to see Chick-fil-A as having the best chicken sandwich ever. But you saw things differently when you tried Popeyes. Your experience at Popeyes changes what you see at Chick-fil-A. This Proverb talks about how the person who chooses to give freely will be blessed. To give freely means to be willing to share what you have to help provide for the needs of someone else. When you do this, you wind up blessed with a heart that reflects Jesus. This idea can change the way you see giving freely to others. Giving is a blessing.

**Ask God in prayer to give you opportunities to give freely to others today.**

## DAY 3

**Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!”**

**John 11:35-36 NLT**

It can be easy to think that because Jesus was God His experience on earth would be hard for us to relate to. But this passage shows us the humanity of Jesus in a way we may not be used to. Here, Jesus has learned his friend died, and when He goes to visit the tomb, He cries. His reaction is full of compassion. Jesus doesn't just think, “this is really sad.” And he doesn't just say, “I feel really sad.” He

couldn't help but show it, and the way that happened for Him was through very real tears. His compassion is displayed in the way He expressed His emotions. And the people around Him saw it. In the same way, when we truly feel compassion, it overflows in ways other people can see. We show it—in our emotions, our behavior, in what we do because of it.

**What is a situation where your compassion can move from being something you just feel to something you do?**

## DAY 4

**When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. Romans 12:13 NLT**

Compassion changes the way you see the world around you. When compassion becomes a driving force in your life, your eyes open to opportunities to put your compassion to work. Situations that cause you to feel compassion become a chance to make something happen. This verse from a letter Paul wrote to the Church in Rome, tells us how we can act on our compassion. We can be ready. And we can be eager to act. In other words, compassion becomes the point, not a distraction.

**Is there a situation or a person where you have felt compassion but have been hesitant to act? What can you do to be ready and eager**

**to show it? Go talk to that classmate who sits alone. Go talk to that person who is crying and hurt. Show kindness to that person who isn't always treated kindly. Go make a positive difference in your world today!**

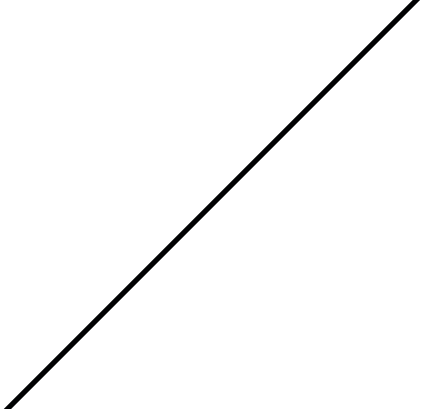
## DAY 5

**Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**

**Hebrews 10:24-25 NLT**

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*Have you ever won something before? It's a good feeling, isn't it? Many of us try to win everything; whether it's beating our family in board games, or rival schools in sports or band competitions, we all like winning. But what if I told you that helping someone else win can be just as meaningful and important as winning yourself? For some of us, that's a wild idea, right?*



*In this passage from the book of Hebrews, the author makes it a point to show us ways that we're supposed to support one another. One of the most important ways to support other people is by building them up and encouraging them. We can encourage others as they aim to do good things with their lives. This idea is so important because it shows us that even though winning or getting ahead in life might be important to us, we are called to motivate and support other people to help them thrive in life as well.*

