

# CALLED TO CARE

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*I have no one else like Timothy, who genuinely cares about your welfare. All the others care only for themselves and not for what matters to Jesus Christ.* Phil 2:20-21 NLT

To say you care but not act is to not care at all.

True compassion demands action.

**Compassion:** *splagchnizomai* (splangkhnid'-zom-ahee); to have the bowels yearn, feel deep sympathy, to be moved to action.

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them and healed their sick.* Matthew 14:14

*Jesus had **compassion** on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.* Matthew 20:34

*When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.* Mark 6:34

The story of the Good Samaritan

*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side."* Luke 10:29-32

You will always have an excuse to justify not getting involved.

# Compassion...

1) \_\_\_\_\_.

*But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.* Luke 10:33-34

2) \_\_\_\_\_.

*The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'* Luke 10:35

3) \_\_\_\_\_.

*"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."* Luke 10:36-37

## Discussion Questions

- 1) True compassion acts. To say you care but not act is to not care at all. Was there a time you know you should have acted to help someone, but didn't?
- 2) You can always make an excuse not to get involved. Even if an act of love inconveniences or costs you, what is an immediate need you can meet for someone around you?
- 3) How has serving others compassionately changed you?

*\*All scriptures from NIV unless otherwise noted*