

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 4:15-16

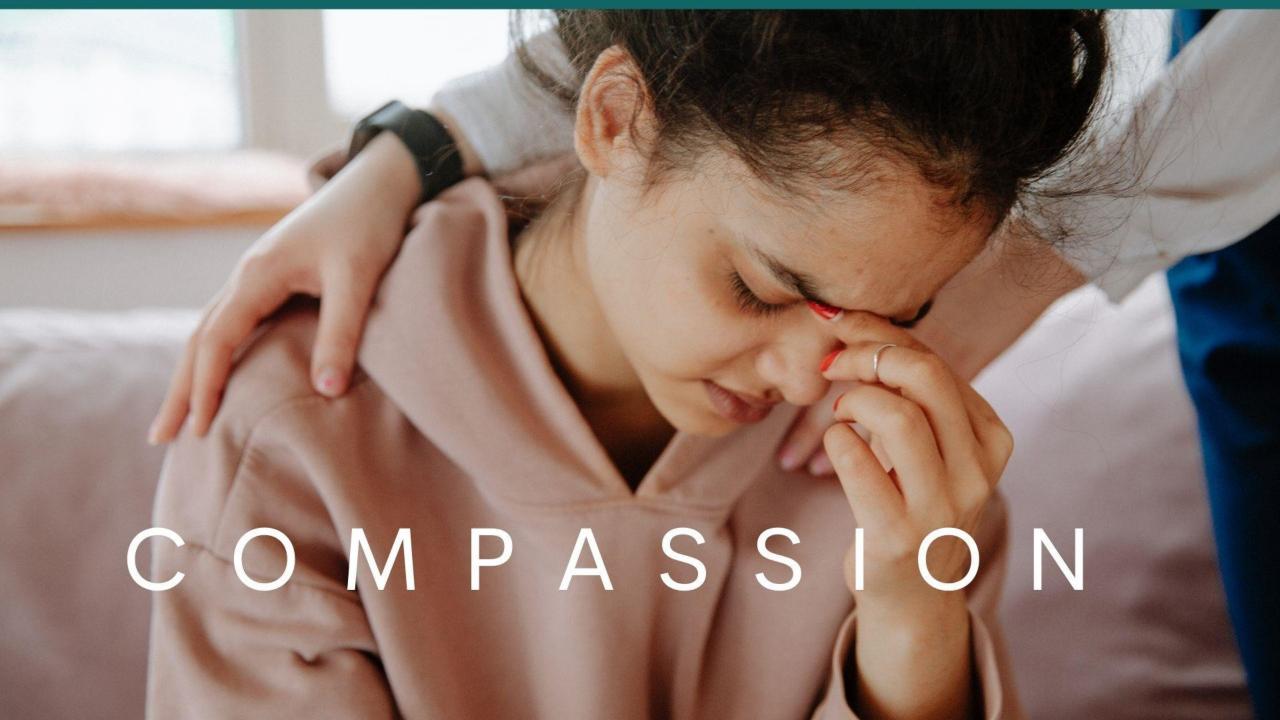
EVEN IF YOU HAD TEN THOUSAND GUARDIANS IN CHRIST, YOU DO NOT HAVE MANY FATHERS, FOR IN CHRIST JESUS I BECAME YOUR FATHER THROUGH THE GOSPEL. 16 THEREFORE I URGE YOU TO IMITATE ME.

### 2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-9 FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW HOW YOU OUGHT TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE. WE WERE NOT IDLE WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, NOR DID WE EAT ANYONE'S FOOD WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. ON THE CONTRARY, WE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY, LABORING AND TOILING SO THAT WE WOULD NOT BE A BURDEN TO ANY OF YOU. WE DID THIS, NOT BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUCH HELP, BUT IN ORDER TO OFFER OURSELVES AS A MODEL FOR YOU TO IMITATE.

HEBREWS 13:7 REMEMBER YOUR LEADERS, WHO SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD TO YOU. CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND IMITATE THEIR FAITH.

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

AND WE ALL, WHO WITH UNVEILED FACES CONTEMPLATE THE LORD'S GLORY, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO HIS IMAGE WITH EVER-INCREASING GLORY, WHICH COMES FROM THE LORD, WHO IS THE SPIRIT.



**MATTHEW 9:35-36** 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. WHEN HE SAW THE CROWDS, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE HARASSED AND HELPLESS, LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

#### **MATTHEW 14:14**

WHEN JESUS LANDED AND SAW A LARGE CROWD, HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM AND HEALED THEIR SICK.

#### **MATTHEW 15:32**

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."

# "HAVE COMPASSION ON", "HAVE MERCY ON", OR "HAVE PITY ON"

## SPLAGCHNIZOMAI LITERALLY MEANS TO BE MOVED SO DEEPLY BY SOMETHING THAT YOU FEEL IT IN THE PIT OF YOUR STOMACH OR IN YOUR GUT.

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#### GALATIANS 6:2

CARRY EACH OTHER'S BURDENS, AND IN
THIS WAY YOU WILL FULFILL THE LAW OF
CHRIST.

#### ROMANS 5:8

## BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.

#### PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER, HAVE THE SAME MINDSET AS CHRIST JESUS:

WHO, BEING IN VERY NATURE GOD, DID NOT CONSIDER EQUALITY WITH GOD SOMETHING TO BE USED TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE; RATHER, HE MADE HIMSELF NOTHING BY TAKING THE VERY NATURE OF A SERVANT, BEING MADE IN HUMAN LIKENESS. AND BEING FOUND IN APPEARANCE AS A MAN, HE HUMBLED HIMSELF BY BECOMING OBEDIENT TO DEATH— EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS!

#### JOHN 15:5

"I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.

