



Grow More in '24

Where Does It Hurt?

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*When Jesus saw the crowds, he had **compassion** on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. - **Matthew 9:36***

Growing in compassion in 2024:

- Open your eyes and look
- **Show compassion where it hurts**
- Identify the things that hinder Vs. the things that heal
(P-S-P: Problem, Scripture, Prayer)

What is compassion?

Compati (*Latin*) "to feel pity," from com "with, together" + pati "to suffer"

- **Matthew 9:35-28** - Jesus recognised both **spiritual & physical** needs
 - Have the heart of a shepherd / pastor in God's church
 - Ask God to intervene through prayer
 - Some human effort was required to 'bring in the harvest'
- **Acts 10:1-4** - The Roman centurion showed compassion
 - God responded to the kindness he showed the poor
 - How can you show compassion at school, work, home, etc?
 - Poverty and hardship in the UK | e.g. Hope Worldwide
- **Mark 2:13-17** - 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick'
 - Judgement in place of compassion in an imperfect world?
 - Christ's ambassadors remember the poor (Galatians 2:10)
 - Compassion is needed for both ministry and to serve to poor

Things that hinder:

- Cultural barriers, dealing with difference
- Natural introversion, personality type
- Being around strangers, a general dislike of people
- Being reserved, wanting your own space
- Fear of rejection from people
- Different belief systems
- Fear of hostility, fear of persecution
- Second guessing what people might think, say or do
- Not feeling bold or courageous
- Feelings of guilt, feeling unworthy
- Being overwhelmed, burdened, compassion fatigue (e.g. NHS C19)
- Being ignorant of what is going on around us
- Not praying beforehand
- A lack of faith as to what God can do
- A lack of vision or purpose
- Not having the right words to say, not having enough knowledge
- Ill health, a physical restriction, or a lack of resources

Things that heal:

- **Acts 1:4-8** - Jesus promises the Holy Spirit before the disciples take the gospel to the ends of the earth
- **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** - Not with wise or persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power
- **Isaiah 43:16-19** - Forget the past, God is able to do a new thing!
- **2 Corinthians 5:11-15** - Christ's love compels us to communicate the gospel | Ministry of reconciliation to help people around us
- **2 Timothy 1:6-7** - Power, love and self-discipline in place of timidity
- **James 5:20** - Love covers over a multitude of sin
- **1 Timothy 4:16** - Watch your life and doctrine, save your hearers
- **Luke 10:1** - Two by two, don't go alone, join the team effort
- **Acts 13:2** - Worship and unity came before the mission
- Remember: Rest and renewal from service is also important



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You are welcome to join!

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