



Road Trip

THE COMPASSION OF THE CHRIST

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Chuckk has been the faithful and devoted husband to Andrea for 40 years. He is a father of two daughters, Jessi & Carly, as well as son-in-law, Matt. His current favorite role is that of “Pop” to his identical twin grandsons, Ezra and Noah. Chuckk loves Jesus King of All, Labrador Retrievers, fine electric guitars, and Harley Davidsons.

MESSAGE NOTES

Your Greek-geek word for the day! — “splangk · need · zom · eye”

1. The First 5 Incidents

- A Leprosy Incident

A man with leprosy came to Him and begged Him on his knees, “If you are willing, you can make me clean.” Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. “I am willing,” He said. “Be clean!” Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured. — Mark 1:40 – 42

- The 2 Blind Men Incident

Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!” Jesus stopped and called them. “What do you want Me to do for you?” He asked. “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.” Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him. — Matthew 20:30 – 34

- A Dead Son Incident

As He approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out — the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, His heart went out to her and He said, “Don’t cry.” Then He went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. — Luke 7:12 – 15

- The 5000+ Feeding Incident

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



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• The 4000+ Feeding Incident

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."
— Matthew 15:32

2. Production & Distribution

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then He gave them to His disciples to set before the people. — Mark 6:41

... 828 million ...

"They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." — Matthew 14:16

Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" — John 6:7

The 6th Incident

When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." He called His twelve disciples to Him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. — Matthew 9:36 – 10:1

3. Compassion 4U?

... while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate." — Luke 15: 20 – 23

Show His Compassion — Globally

Show His Compassion — Locally

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Starter Questions:

- Who was the best James Bond? Why?
- Tell a brief story about when you felt compassionate emotion deep in your gut.



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Compassion for the World

Take out your phones and search for facts on specific countries that face famine today.

- Share briefly what countries you found that are facing famine.
- As a group pray for those countries.
- Ask God, is there a way I should help?

Compassion for us Prodigals

Read Luke 15:11 – 32 out loud as a group

- What might have been some of the “wild living” sins of the prodigal son while he was away from the father?
- Write verse 20 in your own words and share with the group.
- List the various ways the father in the story celebrated the return of his sinful son.
- How is the emotion of our Heavenly Father connected to the times we walk away and live sinfully and outside His will?

US ... the Agents of Compassion

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3 – 4

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

- What are the things this passage teaches us about God?
- What are the things this passage teaches us about US and others?
- How has God personally comforted you in troubled times?
- Who are some of the people has God placed in your life that need a compassionate merciful friend right now?
- How could you minister compassion to these people in a direct and meaningful way.