

GOD'S DIVINE
APPOINTMENTS!

PERFECT
STORMS

LUKE 10: 30 - 37



Today's Teaching ... Week III

II. REAL Love & Compassion

b. Dorcas ... FINGERPRINTS of Compassion

i. Disciple of Jesus!

ii. Single Person - Used Gifts/Talents!

iii. Benevolent! (Good Works/Service)!



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iv. Modeled “Costly Grace!”

v. “Works & Faith”

vi. Evangelist!



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Compassion - Highlight

Refugees - Worldwide

In 2016 ... 65.6 Million People Were
Forcibly Displaced From Their
Homes Due to Conflict or
Persecution!



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The HEART ... Dorcas

- Name (Gazelle ... Sleek; Fast) Lovely Graceful & Charming
- Ministered (Widows/Orphans/Poor/Sick)
- Loved & Trusted!
- Impacted/Influenced - Community!
- Not Married (Single)



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The HEART ... Dorcas

- ☞ Known for “Compassion & Fruit!”
- ☞ Selfless! Not Married (Single)

Hebrews 13: 16

Do Not NEGLECT to DO GOOD & to
Share What You Have ... for Such
Sacrifices are Pleasing to God!”



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Origin of Compassion - Heart

You Can Charitable, Kind &
Merciful & Yet Be ... Emotionally &
Relationally Disconnected!

NOT Have **Compassion** in
Your HEART!



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Your Compassion Level?

You
REALLY
COMPASSIONATE?

COMPASSION-
METER



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Fingerprints . . . Dorcas!

Faith & Works - “INSEPARABLE!”

James 2: 14 - 17

“What Good is it, my Brothers, if Someone says he has Faith but does not have Works? If a Brother or Sister is Poorly Clothed & Lacking in Daily Food, and One of You Says to Them, Go in Peace, be Warmed & Filled Without Giving Them the Things Needed for the Body, What Good is that?”

Faith Without Works is DEAD!



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Fingerprints . . . Dorcas!

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Ephesians 2: 10

For We are His Workmanship, Created
in Christ Jesus for Good Works, which
God Prepared Beforehand, That We
Should Walk in Them!



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Human Helplessness!

Situations, Circumstances &
Decisions That Require God's
Divine Intervention!

Represent the Opportunities God
Arranges For the Church (You) to
Intersect w/People In Need!



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POWERPOINTs ... Series

✎ Your Compassion Has to Extend Beyond the Walls of SELF! Compassion is NOT Thinking Good Thoughts; Human Emotion (Feelings) & Uplifting Prayers!

Compassion is a Compulsion - An (Urgency) To Take ACTION!



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POWERPOINTs ... Series

- ✎ Jesus is **MOTION-SENSITIVE!** When You Move/Draw Near To People With Compassion, Jesus Will Respond - He'll Move/Draw Near (Blessings/Favor)!
- ✎ You Can Impress From a Distance, but You Can Only Impact People Up-Close!



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Objectives/Focus ... Series

- How Far Are You Willing to Go - to Step into the STORMS of People in Need?
- Who's My Neighbor? Who Should You Render Love & Care to?
- ✗ No One Has Ever Loved His Neighbor as Himself! However, Jesus Commands it!



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Objectives/Focus ... Series

- ☞ The Church is Supposed to “Feel” What God “Feels” for the World; the Most Powerful Gift to the World is LOVE!
- ☞ What Motivates Your Compassion . . .
Is it Momentary Emotions or a Sincere Heartfelt Desire to HELP Others (Needs)!



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POWERPOINTs ... Series

✎ The Testimony the Church Provides to the Hurting Regarding the STORMs of Life

Are:

- God is Always in Control!
- God Will Never Leave You!
- God Will Always Take Care of You!



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Compassion - Good Samaritan

Good Samaritans:

- Missionaries! Rescuers!
- Responders! Givers!
- Comforters! Peace-Makers!
- Encouragers! Reconcilers!



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Teachings ... Series

- ✂ Perfect Storms ... “Human Helplessness!”
- ✂ Compassion “Mile Wide but an Inch Deep!”
- ✂ Min of Dorcas - Power of a “Finger-print!”
- ✂ Goodness & Kindness Spelled ...
“Mephibosheth!”
- ✂ Jesus WEPT! ... “Go & Do Likewise!”



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Foundation Scriptures

Acts 10: 38

“God Anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with Power; He went about Doing Good and Healing All who were Harassed & Oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him!”



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Foundation Scriptures

Isaiah 58: 10

“Feed (offer yourselves) those who are hungry and take care of the needs of those who are afflicted & oppressed ... then your light will shine in the darkness, and the darkness around you shall be as bright as day!”!



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Human Helplessness!

- Families Facing Sudden Disaster!
- Marriages – On the Verge of Divorce!
- Family Dysfunction (Relationships)!
- Death of a Loved One!
- Debilitating Health & Sickness!
- Homelessness! Poverty! Hunger!



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Human Helplessness!

- Emotional Issues (Depression; Loneliness; Anxiety; Anger; Unforgiveness)!
- Drug & Alcohol Addictions!
- Sexual Immorality (Fornication; Adultery; Homosexuality; Pornography)!
- Unique Situations (On the Job; Strangers)!



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Human Helplessness!

God Things!

We Are Powerless to Solve!
Require Divine Intervention!



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There Will Be STORMs

John 16: 33

“In This Life (World) You Will Have Tribulations ... (Trials, Sorrows & Difficulties) - LIFE will be Hard! These Tribulations will be Unavoidable ... but be of Good Cheer (Courageous/Certain); I have Defeated the World's Power Over You!”



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Today's Teaching ... Week III

NOTE

- Examine REAL “Compassion!”
- PUT ON “Compassion!”
- Where's Your “Compassion” Level?
- What Kind of “Fingerprints” Are You Leaving Behind!



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Power of Your Fingerprint

Your “Fingerprint” is Your Impression
of YOU (Your Identity & Distinctives)!

In Ministry – Your FINGERPRINTs
DO NOT FADE from the Lives of
People You Touch w/Love &
Compassion!



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I. REAL Love & Compassion

a. What's Wrong w/People ... DNA!

i. Not Born With - Love & Compassion

a. Trained/Developed ... Put On!

II. REAL Love & Compassion

a. Meet Dorcas ... Ministry Provider!

i. Origin of Compassion - The HEART!



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