

# Withstanding Affliction: Compassionate Father

## Battle Ready Bible Study!

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### **1. What Is Compassion?**

#### **Biblical Compassion Definition:**

Strong's: (7349 rachum)

Phonetic Spelling: (rakh-oom')

*Full of compassion, merciful, to love*

#### **Compassion.Com:**

The meaning of compassion is to recognize the suffering of others and then take action to help. Compassion embodies a tangible expression of love for those who are suffering.

### **2. Scriptural Examples of Jesus Having Compassion**

#### **• Compassion On The Crowd**

- And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." -Matthew 9:35-38 ESV
- Jesus was MOVED by COMPASSION because His sheep, his children were weary. The shepherds were only feeding themselves. See Ezekiel 34 for the difference between a Good Shepherd and a not so good shepherd

#### **• Mother & Her Son**

- Just as he neared the gate of the town, a dead man was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow. A large crowd from the town was also with her. <sup>13</sup> **When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said, "Don't weep."** <sup>14</sup> **Then he came up and touched the open coffin, and the pallbearers stopped. And he said, "Young man, I tell you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother.** -Luke 7:12-15 CSB

- Jesus was moved to action to make this Mother's grief stop and in being moved with compassion did a miracle
- **Lazarus, Mary, & Martha**
  - When Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who had come with her crying, he was deeply moved<sup>[c]</sup> in his spirit and troubled.<sup>34</sup> "Where have you put him?" he asked. "Lord," they told him, "come and see."<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. - John 11:33-35 CSB
  - Once again, as Jesus had those that he loved overwhelmed specifically with grief He was moved with compassion

### **3. Why We Must Understand This When We Go Through Affliction**

- If we do not believe God is moved with compassion, we can mistakenly blame God and move away from Him rather than drawing closer to the only one who can heal us
- Our tears are a harvest for the next season:
  - Those who plant in tears  
will harvest with shouts of joy.  
<sup>6</sup>They weep as they go to plant their seed,  
but they sing as they return with the harvest. -Psalm 126:5-6 NLT
- Even when we felt alone, we were not!
  - Deuteronomy 31:8
  - Joshua 1:9
- It is so important that we cast our cares because HE cares (1 Peter 5:7. When we do, it crushes anxiety and crippling fear because he gives us truth that sets us free! (Philippians 4:6-7)
- There has never been a tear that has no been seen
  - You keep track of all my sorrows.  
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.  
You have recorded each one in your book. -Psalm 56:8 NLT
- When we know all this we can take comfort in our perfect comforter and the one who trades beauty for ashes.

### **God's Compassion Can Look Like**

- A friend's tighter than normal hug
- A text or call that you didn't expect
- A "it's okay to get to that later"
- Breakthrough when we need it most
- A song we needed to hear
- Holy Spirit using someone to speak directly to you

**\*\*Healing, wholeness, & restoration can look different to us ALL!**