

Caring enough to do something
about someone else's need



READ 1 PETER 3:8

DAY 1

What is love? Love is more than a feeling. It's **DOING** something. When you show compassion, it's an action. To say you care about someone else but then do nothing to help isn't showing real love.

Compassion is caring enough to **DO** something about someone else's need. That's what this week is all about. God saw our greatest need and he did something about it! That's why he sent the angel to Mary to tell her about Jesus coming arrival!

In the word search to the right, find the words from today's verse.

THANK God for sending Jesus to meet our greatest needs.

T A C K S T L M N P O
E E X I A R V R S T E
N L N N G Q O V E R T
D B A D R K L O V E E
U M B L E I E L M S N
R U N D E R S T A N D
K H W X B D F O D F E

Word Bank:

Agree
Understand
Love

Kind
Tender
Humble

READ 1 JOHN 3:17

DAY 2

When a crime occurs, what do the police look for to solve the case and catch the bad guy? That's right. Evidence! They look for fingerprints at the scene. They find out if there a surveillance video that captured what happened, and they try to find witnesses that could give a good description of the suspect. The more evidence, the better chance they have of solving the case.

So how can the people around you see that you love and follow God? It's by your actions. Is there evidence of your love for God in the way you live? When you see the needs around you and roll up your sleeves to help, it's like leaving, evidence of your compassion. You make a difference when you see a need and help.

Think about one thing you did this week to show compassion. Whose needs did you see and how did you meet them in a real way?

ASK God help you meet the needs of the people around you this week.

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READ PROVERBS 17:17

DAY 3

According to this verse, when should you love others and show compassion? That's right—at ALL times. When you feel like it AND when you don't. When you think others will notice AND when no one else is around to see what you've done. When it's not a big deal AND when it is. When it's your last fifty cents AND when you have a wallet full of allowance money. When it's convenient AND when it's the last thing you have time for. A friend loves at ALL times. No excuses.

On the blank lines below, write down one person that you typically see during that time. For instance, the 7 am slot would probably be someone in your family.

Next to each person's name, think of one way you can love that person during that time. Challenge yourself to follow through and show compassion to that person tomorrow.

7 am	_____	_____
9 am	_____	_____
noon	_____	_____
3 pm	_____	_____
6 pm	_____	_____

LOOK for ways to show compassion to the people on this list tomorrow.

READ HEBREWS 10:24

DAY 4

What does it mean to consider something? It means to think about it beforehand. It means to take some time on your own to wrap your mind around how you could help someone else – before you actually do the helping part.

So for just a minute, think about one person in your world. What do they really need? How could you show compassion to help meet that need? How could you stir them to love and help? Set a timer for 30 seconds and think. When you're finished, write down three things you could do to encourage them to show compassion to others.

ASK God to help you show compassion to others.

