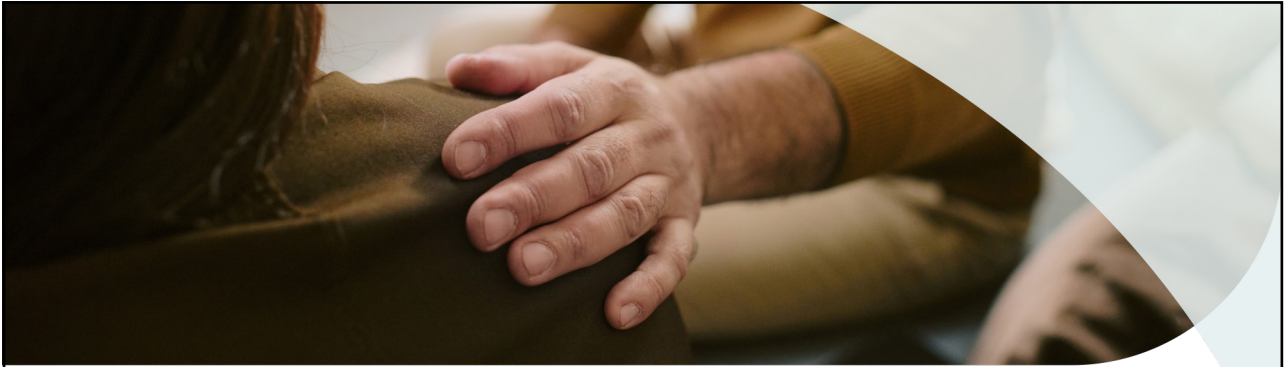




Shaped by Compassion

Reflecting the Father's Glory

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What is Compassion?

Our English word comes from Latin:

- ▶ **Com** means with
- ▶ **Passion** comes from pathos or suffering.

So literally it means that you come along with someone in their suffering.



The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love
and faithfulness.

► **Exodus 34:6-7**



As a father shows compassion to his children, so
the LORD shows compassion to those who fear
Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that
we are dust.

► **Psalms 103:13-14**

The LORD is a good Father who has compassion on us.

- ▶ He stands alongside of us in our suffering.
- ▶ He doesn't expect more of us than we are capable of giving or doing.
- ▶ He remembers our dusty nature.
- ▶ He cares deeply for us in our pain and weaknesses, our vulnerabilities and limitations.
- ▶ He is willing to forgive us.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

▶ **Psalm 34:6-8**

She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, “*Call her name No Mercy, for I will no more have mercy on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.*”

► **Hosea 1:6**

When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. And the LORD said, “*Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God.*”

► **Hosea 1:9**

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, "*You are my people*";
and he shall say, "*You are my God.*"

► **Hosea 2:23**

**If you haven't dealt with the pain,
sometimes it comes out later as:**

- Anger
- Irritation
- Withdrawing
- Drinking
- You can't deal with the hard things
- You shy away from pain in other's lives



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in
heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

► **Matthew 11:28**