

THE MARCH CONTINUES...FOLLOW ME
"Serving with Compassion"
Luke 4:14-22 (Pew Bible Page 727)

"Blessed are the sat upon, the spat upon, the ratted on..."
Paul Simon

WHO DID JESUS COME TO HELP?

1. The Poor: THE HAVE NOTS

- * MATERIAL Poverty
- * MORAL Poverty
- * SPIRITUAL Poverty

2. The Broken Hearted: THE LET DOWN

- "Insults have broken my heart and left me weak"* Psalm 69:20
- * DISAPPOINTMENT
 - * REJECTION
 - * RESENTMENT

3. The Imprisoned: THE LOCKED UP

- * ADDICTION
- * SECRETS
- * IGNORANCE

4. The Blind: THE SHUT OUT

- * PHYSICALLY Blind
- * RELATIONALLY Blind
- * SPIRITUALLY Blind

5. The Oppressed: THE KICKED AROUND

- * POLITICAL
- * CULTURAL
- * SPIRITUAL

"...to proclaim the year of the LORD'S favor..."

WHAT DID JESUS COME TO DO?

"I have given you an example to follow. Now do as I have done to you." John 13:14-15

- * Preach Good News
- * Heal the Broken Hearted
- * Proclaim Freedom
- * Help the Blind
- * Release the Oppressed

*"I have become **servants of everyone** so that I can bring them to Christ...when I am with Gentiles, I **fit in with them** as much as I can, so I can bring them to Christ...I **share their oppression** so that I might bring them to Christ...I try to **find common ground** with everyone so that I might bring them to Christ. I do all this for the sake of the good news..." 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NLT)*

HOW TO DEVELOP COMPASSION LIKE JESUS

1. CARE ABOUT **WHAT JESUS CARES ABOUT**

"And live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:2

* **THE WORLD**

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Matthew 9:36

* **THE CHURCH**

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."

Ephesians 5:25

2. BE INDIFFERENT TO **WHAT JESUS WAS INDIFFERENT TO**

He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Luke 9:59-62

3. BE ANGRY AT _____

"In your anger do not sin" Ephesians 4:26

4. SACRIFICE FOR _____

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ." Ephesians 2:13

"For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time." 1 Timothy 2:5-6