



## *Eagle Vision Partner Letter*

# *Where's the Compassion?*

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Dear Partner,

I pray that you have rekindled your relationship with your first love and made Him first priority in your life. If you have, then you know quite well the answer to the above question—Where is the compassion? It's in God! He's FULL of compassion. Many times the book of Psalms speaks about God being full of compassion (**Ps. 86:15; 111:4; 112:4; 145:8**). Since God is Love, that means Love is full of Compassion.

What is compassion you may wonder? Is it just feeling sorry for someone? Compassion can be defined as a consciousness of other's distress, together with a desire to alleviate it. Many times, we hear of things (*that don't seem to affect us directly*) and we tend to move on and say "God is good!" "Rejoice in the Lord!" etc. There is a time to speak the Word directly to someone who is focused on having a pity party (like the man at the pool of Bethesda); but there is also a time when we need to apply **Romans 12:15** which says **Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.** It's recorded that "Jesus wept" in **John 11:35** before He raised Lazarus from the dead. There are many times in the Gospels that it speaks of Jesus being "moved with compassion". **When He allowed compassion to move Him, He saw results!** Lives were changed and awesome things happened. He did not just sit around wishing bad things had not happened, **He did something about it. Compassion yielded the power of God for healing and deliverance.** Do you know that God desires to meet needs through YOU? Understand this—we are Jesus' body on this earth. We are the body that God must use to get the same type of results as Jesus did. How do we get those results? The way Jesus did—through fellowship with the Father—getting into His presence.

When we desire to have the power of God in our life, we must check our motives. Is it to make a name for ourselves? Is it so that people can see that God moves through us? Or is it because the heart of God **in you** compels you to feel what they are feeling and you don't want them to be hurt or bound or to be in that situation any longer? What's your motive for the power or position? I believe there has been a lot of attempts to get people delivered without the love of God being the motive.

You may wonder, "How can I do this?" "I'm not Jesus, how can I love like that?" **Romans 5:5** and **Philippians 4:13** is the response that I give to those questions. **The Word of God is final authority.** We have the "love of God" in us and through the heart of God, let's look at **Ephesians 3:19-20** <sup>19</sup>And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, When we intimately "know" the love of Christ, then verse 20 can be activated. When we pray and expect verse 20 to manifest, let's not look at that verse just for what we want only. What about exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we can ask (which denotes action) for someone else too?

**I Peter 3:8** says Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: **I John 3:17-18** <sup>17</sup>But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? <sup>18</sup>My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. Verse 17 let's us know that **we have the power to control the compassion in us and whether or not we take action**. This scripture is not meant to make you feel that you should give to everyone and every cause. But know this, there are needs out there and God has created you to meet 'some' of them. No one person call do it all, but you as a part of Christ's body should be **"moved with compassion" towards something!** Let's look and see what actions were taken when Jesus was moved with compassion. What did "compassion" do?

- Compassion **saw** the harvest and knew that *prayer* would bring them in (**Matthew 9:36**)
- Compassion **healed** the sick (**Matthew 14:14**)
- Compassion **moved** Jesus to **feed** hungry people (**Matthew 15:32**)
- Compassion **forgives** (**Matthew 18:27**)
- Compassion **brought debt freedom** (**Matthew 18:27**)
- Compassion **gave sight** to those that could not see (**Matthew 20:34**)
- Compassion **healed** an incurable disease (**Mark 1:41**)
- Compassion **delivered** a man from the bondage of demons (**Mark 5:19**)
- Compassion **saw** where people needed a leader and **led them** (**Mark 6:34**)
- Compassion **saw** that people needed to be taught and **taught them** (**Mark 6:34**)
- Compassion **helped** someone in grief (**Luke 7:13-14**)
- Compassion **helped** someone (physically & financially) who was hurt and in need (**Luke 10:33-35**)
- Compassion **hugged and restored** someone in need (**Luke 15:20**)

To answer my initial question..."Where's the compassion?" The answer is "It's in God!" Spend time in fellowship with your Father. Ask Him to fill you with His compassion and to give you the wisdom that you need to flow in it. When you do, it will move you towards a godly action. Then you'll see the greater works operating in your life. Again I ask, "Where is the compassion?" I want you to say this aloud ...**"Because I am the temple of the Holy Ghost and His love is shed abroad in me...God's compassion IS IN ME!"**

In His Righteousness,

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#### MINISTRY UPDATE

As always, thank you for your prayers and financial support. We truly appreciate it! We had a wonderful time preparing boxes for the Operation Christmas Child Project. Pastor Harold ministered a life-changing word at the Dimension in Christ Fellowship's Finance Conference last month. Pastor Deirdre had a great time teaching the Word of God several times last month on WCLY-AM 1550. The Men of Excellence went to Wake Men's Correctional Center last month and made an impartation in those men's lives. Last but not least, we had an AWESOME time at our 3<sup>rd</sup> church anniversary celebration. The Word was powerful (the subject was **Faith for the Overflow**). The place was packed and the food was great! **Have a very Merry CHRISTmas!!**