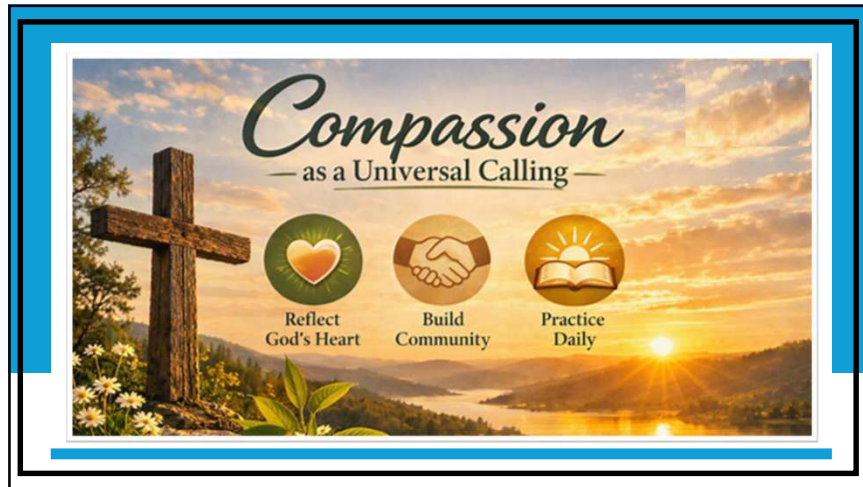




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Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

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Theme

Compassion is the daily expression of God's love that builds community and reflects His heart.

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Compassion Reflects God's Heart

- God's character is defined by compassion, so our compassion mirrors His nature.

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. (Psalm 145:8 NIV)

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Compassion Reflects God's Heart

- Compassion is part of walking humbly with God, showing His heart through our actions.

8 He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8 NIV)

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Compassion Reflects God's Heart

- Jesus' compassion for the crowds models how we respond to others' needs.

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

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Compassion Reflects God's Heart

- The Good Samaritan shows compassion as active care, not just emotion.

33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. (Luke 10:33 NIV)

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Compassion Reflects God's Heart

- Compassion binds believers together in unity & tenderness.

***8 Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.
(1 Peter 3:8 NIV)***

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Discussion Questions

- How does compassion help us reflect God's character in senior living?
- What barriers make compassion difficult at this stage of life?
- How can compassion be shown even when mobility or energy is limited?

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Compassion Builds Community

- Compassion strengthens community by honoring one another above ourselves.

10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10 NIV)

- Bearing one another's burdens is compassion lived out in shared life.

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2 NIV)

12

Compassion Builds Community

- Compassion motivates us to encourage others toward love & good deeds.

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, (Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

- Compassion means looking beyond our own needs to the needs of others.

4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:4 NIV)

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Compassion Builds Community

- Jesus commands us to love one another as He loved us - compassion is central to that love.

34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34 NIV)

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Love

- Is Patient
- Is Kind
- Keeps No Record Of Wrongs
- Rejoices With The Truth
- Protects
- Trusts
- Hopes
- Always Perseveres
- Never Fails



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Love Is Not

- Rude
- Self-seeking
- Proud
- Envious
- Boastful
- Delightful In Evil
- Easy To Anger



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Discussion Questions

- How does compassion strengthen relationships among residents?
- What small acts of kindness make the biggest difference?
- How can compassion help resolve conflicts?

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Compassion Is a Daily Practice

- Daily compassion is expressed through kindness, forgiveness & tenderness.
- 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32 NIV)***

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Compassion Is a Daily Practice

- Every act of compassion is ultimately done unto Christ Himself.
- 40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:40 NIV)***

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Compassion Is a Daily Practice

- God honors & rewards compassionate care for the vulnerable.

***17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
(Proverbs 19:17 NIV)***

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Compassion Is a Daily Practice

- True faith expresses itself through compassionate care for those in need.

***17 Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.
(James 1:27 NIV)***

- Compassion must be shown through actions, not just words.

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18 NIV)

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Discussion Questions

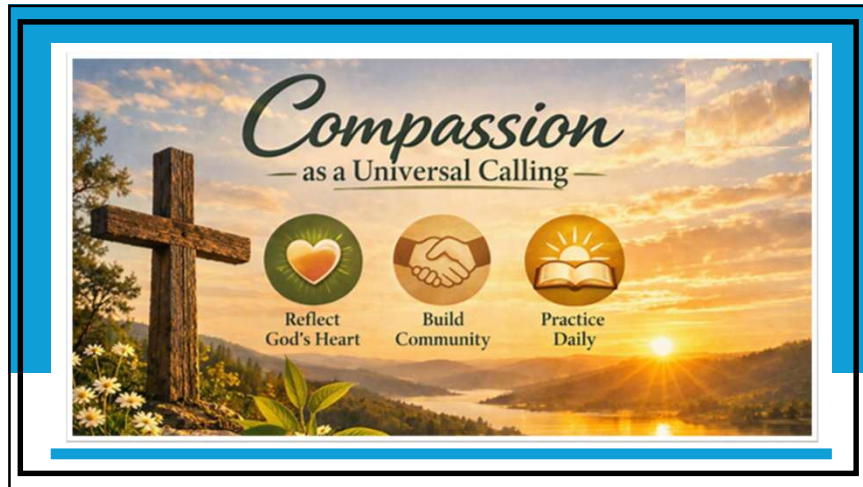
- What daily habits help cultivate compassion?
- How can compassion be shown through words?
- How does compassion help us grow spiritually?

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Practical Applications

- Read one compassion verse each morning.
- Pray for [compassion](#).
- Perform small acts of compassion.

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Compassion

- Listen with patience - Give full attention when someone shares their worries or memories.
- Offer encouraging words - Speak gently to lift another's spirit.
- Share a meal or snack - Invite someone to sit together at lunch or coffee time.
- Help new residents feel welcome - Greet newcomers & show them around.

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Compassion

- Forgive quickly - Let go of small irritations or misunderstandings.
- Volunteer in small ways - Assist with group activities or reading aloud during devotionals.
- Comfort someone in grief - Offer a gentle touch or quiet companionship.
- Express gratitude to staff - Thank caregivers & workers who serve daily.

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