

Know God - Compassion

Who cares?

God is Compassionate!

Psalm 111:4

Deuteronomy 4:31

1 Peter 5:6-7

Psalm 116:5

Daniel 9:9

God acts compassionately.

2 Kings 13:22-23

God's compassion is frequently linked to His Covenant
faithfulness

2 Chronicles 36:15-17

Compassion is linked to repentance

2 Chronicles 30:9

Joel 2:13-14

We do not demand this compassion of God; but because it's His nature, if we do the next right thing, God is disposed to respond compassionately.

James 4:7-8

God's compassion is often connected to grace.

Nehemiah 9:16-17, 31

God's compassion motivates our prayer.

Daniel 9:18

Daniel appeals to God on the basis that He cares; His heart is for them.

God also calls us to compassion.

Colossians 3:12

Example of Jesus (cf Mk 8:2; Lu 7:13; Mt 20:34; Mk 6:34)

moved in the gut to care

Compassion motivates us to action!

3 cautions:

1. People use and abuse compassion; it requires care and discernment.

First move

Respond to expressed need

Advocacy

2. Watch that we don't become hard-hearted.

3. Recognize compassion fatigue.

Recommendation: choose the place(s) God puts on your heart & listen for the prompting of the Spirit.

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