

MESSAGE OUTLINE

SUNDAY, February 5, 2023



CHURCH

הקהילה מתקדמת

10:30am Sunday 13095 Publishers Drive, Fishers

Today's Message: **COMPASSION IN ACTION**
Luke 5:1-32
Pastor Gary Stump

Do you care about the poor, the disadvantaged, the outcast?

How do we put compassion into action?

Jesus teaches us how when He announced His mission!

Luke 4:18–19 (NLT) "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, ¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."

To the poor = not primarily economic or spiritual poverty, but those of low status with diminished honor (Joel Green, Luke: Erdmans New Intl. Commentary)

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

Compassion (σπλαγχνίζομαι) = intestines; seat of emotions

1 John 3:17 (KJV) 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?

To share with others, including and especially the poor, is to treat them as within one's circle of friends, family, and kin; conversely, to refuse to share with others is tantamount to treating them as outsiders. (Joel Green. 229).

To fishermen

Luke 5:1–11 (NLT) One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish."⁵ "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again."⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear!⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. ⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord, please leave me—I'm such a sinful man."⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed. Jesus replied to Simon, "Don't be afraid! From now on you'll be fishing for people!"¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

The only proper response to Jesus' calling is Repentance and Obedience!

What would God do through you if you were totally surrendered?

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NLT) "The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

To lepers

Luke 5:12–16 (NLT) In one of the villages, Jesus met a man with an advanced case of leprosy. When the man saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground, begging to be healed. “Lord,” he said, “if you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean.”¹³ Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” And instantly the leprosy disappeared.¹⁴ Then Jesus instructed him not to tell anyone what had happened. He said, “Go to the priest and let him examine you. Take along the offering required in the law of Moses for those who have been healed of leprosy. This will be a public testimony that you have been cleansed.”¹⁵ But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases.¹⁶ But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

Sacrifice for cleansing from leprosy: Lev. 4:2-7 (only 1 Jew cured in OT)

Who needs a compassionate touch from you?

Philippians 2:1–3 (NLT) Are your hearts tender and compassionate?...³ Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

To the disabled

Luke 5:17–26 (NLT) One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus.¹⁸ Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus,¹⁹ but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus.²⁰ Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.”²¹ But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!”²² Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts?²³ Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’?²⁴ So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!”²⁵ And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God.²⁶ Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”

Jesus is using a form of rabbinic logic *kal v’chomer* “from heavy to light” or “from difficult to easy” (Arnold Fruchtenbaum. *Yeshua the Life of Messiah*, 148).

What will you do to get someone in front of Jesus?

John 1:41–42a (NLT) Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ”).⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.

To the outcast

Luke 5:27–32 (NLT) Later, as Jesus left the town, he saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at his tax collector’s booth. “Follow me and be my disciple,” Jesus said to him.²⁸ So Levi got up, left everything, and followed him.²⁹ Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honor. Many of Levi’s fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.³⁰ But the Pharisees and their teachers of religious law complained bitterly to Jesus’ disciples, “Why do you eat and drink with such scum?”³¹ Jesus answered them, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.³² I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners and need to repent.”

Who is the someone you think is a lost cause?

1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT) This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.”

Compassion in action

Isaiah 58:6–7 (NLT) “No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.⁷ Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.”

SO WHAT? Will you put Compassion in Action?

James 2:15–18 (NLT) Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing,¹⁶ and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.¹⁸ Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”

- Are you totally surrendered?**
- Who needs a compassionate touch from you?**
- What will you do to get someone in front of Jesus?**
- Who is the someone you think is a lost cause?**

We are called to be messengers of God’s compassion!

Exodus 34:6 (NLT) The LORD passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.”



ONWARD CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, February 5, 2023

1. WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS (Small Groups)—This Wednesday (1st & 3rd Wednesdays) 7:00-8:15pm.

2. FISHERS COMEDY & MAGIC—Upcoming Events: **March 10 & 11** Kay Dodd, The Great Kaplan, Daren Streblov; **May 12** Chris Ruppe, Jonnie W., Mike Hemmelgam; **June 3** Christian Comedian Extravaganza. Purchase tickets at <https://fisherscomedyandmagic.com/>

3. LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY @ 9:30am—Each Wednesday at Kathy Stump's house (12928 Whitehaven Lane, Fishers). Studying the **Psalms** using David Helm's One-to-One method to create excellent discussions.

4. 2023 ONWARD TO JERUSALEM BIBLE STUDY TOUR OCTOBER 20-31, 2023—Walk where Jesus walked and see the Bible comes alive as Pastor Gary and our good friend Dr. Moshe Loewenthal lead us on this incredible tour. Estimated cost: \$3,950 per person (double occupancy).

5. MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY NIGHT 6-8PM Dinner provided. Study: "SALT: Creating Thirst."

6. HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY—beginning this Wednesday 6-8pm at Cynthia Brown's house (14079 Clifton Ct., Fishers).

7. SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS—High School (Grades 9-12) June 12-16. Middle School (Grades 6-8) June 21-25. See Pastor Jerry for more info.

8. PAL ("PARENTS OF ADDICTED LOVED ONES") MEETING—This is for families of adult children dealing with substance addiction. Every Tuesday night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free weekly meetings. Dr. Nancy Smith, facilitator. For more information, contact nancy1108smith@gmail.com or 317-508-8149.

9. ONWARD PRAYER RESPONSE CARD ONLINE—To make it easier for some, you can scan this QR code in order to complete your Prayer Response Card.

