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As we experience Jesus in Immanuel sessions (and in the moments of our lives), we are beneficiaries of His great compassion. He knows our frame, that we are dust. He knows our hearts. He knows our limits. He forbears, He protects, He cares.

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- Exodus 33:19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
- Psalms 78:38 But He, **being full of compassion**, forgave their iniquity, And did not destroy them. Yes, many a time He turned His anger away, And did not stir up all His wrath.
- Psalms 86:15 But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.
- Psalms 111:4 He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD is gracious and **full of compassion.**

Psalms 145:8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

#### God Has Compassion On His Servants

- Deuteronomy 32:36 For the LORD will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, When He sees that their power is gone, And there is no one remaining, bond or free.
- 2 Kings 13:23 But the LORD was gracious to them, had compassion on them, and regarded them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not yet destroy them or cast them from His presence.

Psalms 90:13 Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.

- Psalms 112:4 Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness; He is gracious, and **full of compassion**, and righteous.
- Psalms 135:14 For the LORD will judge His people, And He will have compassion on His servants.
- Isaiah 49:15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, And **not have compassion** on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.

# God Has Compassion On His Rebellious People

- Deuteronomy 13:17 So none of the accursed things shall remain in your hand, that **the LORD may** turn from the fierceness of His anger and show you mercy, **have compassion on you** and multiply you, just as He swore to your fathers.
- Deuteronomy 30:3 That the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.
- 1 Samuel 23:21 And Saul said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, for you have compassion on me."
- 1 Kings 8:50 And forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You; and **grant them compassion** before those who took them captive, that they may have **compassion on them**.
- 2 Chronicles 30:9 For if you return to the LORD, your brethren and your children will be **treated with compassion** by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn His face from you if you return to Him.
- 2 Chronicles 36:15 And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because **He had compassion on His people** and on His dwelling place.
- Jeremiah 12:15 Then it shall be, after I have plucked them out, that I will return and **have compassion on them** and bring them back, everyone to his heritage and everyone to his land.
- Lamentations 3:32 Though He causes grief, Yet **He will show compassion** According to the multitude of His mercies.
- Micah 7:19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.

#### Withdrawal of Compassion

2 Chronicles 36:17 Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had **no compassion** on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand.

Ezekiel 16:5 No eye pitied you, to do any of these things for you, to have compassion on you; but you were thrown out into the open field, when you yourself were loathed on the day you were born.

# We are To Have Compassion On Each Other

- 1 Kings 3:26 Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she **yearned with compassion** for her son; and she said, "O my lord, give her the living child, and by no means kill him!" But the other said, "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but divide him."
- Zechariah 7:9 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: Execute true justice, **Show mercy and compassion Everyone** to his brother.
- Matthew 18:33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'
- Hebrews 5:2 **He can have compassion** on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness.
- 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous.

# Examples of God's Compassion In The Ministry of Jesus

- Matthew 9:36 But when He saw the multitudes, **He was moved with compassion for them**, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.
- Matthew 14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and **He was moved with compassion** for them, and healed their sick.
- Matthew 15:32 Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."
- Matthew 20:34 So **Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes**. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.
- Mark 1:41 Then **Jesus, moved with compassion**, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."
- Mark 5:19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."
- Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

- Mark 8:2 **I have compassion** on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat.
- Mark 9:22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.
- Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her, **He had compassion on her** and said to her, "Do not weep."
- Romans 9:15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."
- Hebrews 10:34 For you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

Jude 1:22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction.

### Illustrations of The Father God's Compassion

The master forgives the indebted servant: Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took [him] by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses." Matthew 18:21-35

A certain Samaritan and a man who was beaten, robbed and left for dead: Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. So he went to [him] and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next

day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' Luke 10:30-35

The Father and the Prodigal son: Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 'And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing." Luke 15:11-24

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