"Compassion"

Part two of the series: "Legacy: Making an Eternal Difference"

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"But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' And Jesus said to him, 'You go, and do likewise.'" (Luke 10:29-37 ESV)

Compassion involves connection.

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"As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother." (Luke 7:12-15 ESV)

Compassion takes action.

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"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18 ESV)

Compassion gives generously.

"And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'" (v. 35)

"As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." (1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV)

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21 ESV)