

Do You Know The Great I AM?

5-Day Devotional on COMPASSION

May 19 : The Compassionate Heart of God

Scripture: *Exodus 34:6* – "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness..."

Reflection:

Compassion is the first word God uses to describe Himself to Moses. In Hebrew, the root word for compassion, *rekhem*, is tied to the womb—a mother's tender care for her infant. This image reveals the depth of God's emotional attachment and care for us. Before we can reflect compassion to others, we must first experience and understand God's compassion toward us.

Prayer Prompt:

God, help me to grasp the depth of Your compassion. Let me rest in Your love and be transformed by it.

Action:

Reflect on a moment when you experienced God's compassion tangibly. Journal that experience and thank Him for it.

May 20: Compassion as Connection

Scripture: *Exodus 2:11-12* – "Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew... Looking this way and that... he killed the Egyptian..."

Reflection:

Moses' story shows us that even flawed human attempts at justice often spring from a seed of compassion. Moses' heart was stirred when he saw injustice. Compassion is not merely an emotion—it's a connection to the suffering of others that should move us to act. The more we understand how connected God is to us, the more we should long to be connected to others through compassion.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, tune my heart to see the needs around me. Give me the courage to act with Your love.

Action:

Reach out to someone who is going through a hard time—listen, pray, or simply be present.

May 21: Compassion as Commitment

Scripture: *Psalms 103:13-14* – "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him..."

Reflection:

God's compassion is not fleeting; it is anchored in His unwavering commitment to His people. Time after time, He rescues, forgives, and restores—even when we fail. True compassion doesn't walk away when things get tough. It stays. It shows up. It sacrifices.

Prayer Prompt:

Father, thank You for Your steadfast love. Teach me to be faithful and committed in my compassion toward others.

Action:

Think of someone who needs long-term support—consider how you might commit to walking with them in their journey.

May 22: Jesus—The Compassion of God in Flesh

Scripture: *Matthew 9:36* – "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

Reflection:

Jesus embodies God's compassion. Whether healing the sick, feeding the hungry, or forgiving sinners, He constantly responded to need with love. His compassion was contagious—it moved His disciples to act and calls us to follow in His footsteps. Jesus saw people with divine eyes; can we do the same?

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, help me to see people the way You do—with eyes of compassion. Let Your love move through me.

Action:

Look for one act of compassion you can do today—big or small—and do it in Jesus' name.

May 23: The Commission of Compassion

Scripture: *Matthew 28:19* – "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..."

Reflection:

The Great Commission is a call to share the gospel—and it is the ultimate act of compassion. Pastor Kyle Mercer said, "The most compassionate thing you can do for another human being is to share with and teach them the gospel." Compassion is contagious. As Jesus committed Himself to God's mission, so must we. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in God's rescue plan for humanity.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, send me. Let me be a vessel of Your compassion, carrying Your gospel to those in need.

Action:

Pray for someone who doesn't yet know Jesus. Ask God for the opportunity and courage to share His love with them.

