

"Our God is a God of Compassion"
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Scripture Reading –Psalm 103:6-17

Definition of "Compassion" – An act of kindness, mercy, pity or love toward one in need.

- As a mother for her child –Ps. 86:15
- As a father for his child – Ps. 103:13

God's Compassion...

1. The compassion of God is Sovereign.

"I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." (Rom. 9:15)

2. The compassion of God is a slowness to anger.

"Yet He, being compassionate, atoned for their iniquity and did not destroy them; He restrained His anger often and did not stir up all His wrath." (Psalm 78:38)

3. The compassion of God is a steadfast love.

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;" (Lam. 3:22)

4. The compassion of God is seen.

"When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick." (Matt. 14:14)

"Compassion is action that flows out of our being as we are touched by another's affliction. Compassion is not measured by how we feel but by what we do in response to how we feel. Compassion is God's love, grace and mercy looking for a place to get busy, asking, "What can I do to help?" Joseph Stowell in Strength for the Journey

Application:

1. Thank God for His compassion. In what ways have you personally experienced the compassion of God?
2. Discuss with your group or family your response to the quote by Joseph Stowell. This year, pray that God's compassion would flow through your life and our church in new ways.