

A CALL TO
CHRIST

CENTRALITY
IN CHALLENGING TIMES

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**A CALL TO
COMPASSION**
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Hebrews 10:24-25 [NIV]

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



Thanks everyone
for everything,
I had a very good
time.




Christian Compassion









**Deep down
inside we know
there is a need
for compassion**

Jesus was a man who
was immensely
compassionate and his
followers must be
people who are known
for their compassion
as well.






The Compassion of Jesus

Matthew 9:12-13 [NIV]

12... “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a supportive grip. The hands are positioned in the center-left of the frame, with one hand resting on top of the other. The background is a bright, out-of-focus light, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall tone is warm and encouraging.

**“tradition-breaking
compassion”.**



**Jesus' compassion is
constantly true.**

Exodus 34:6 [NIV]

...“The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,

Matthew 11:28-30 [NIV]

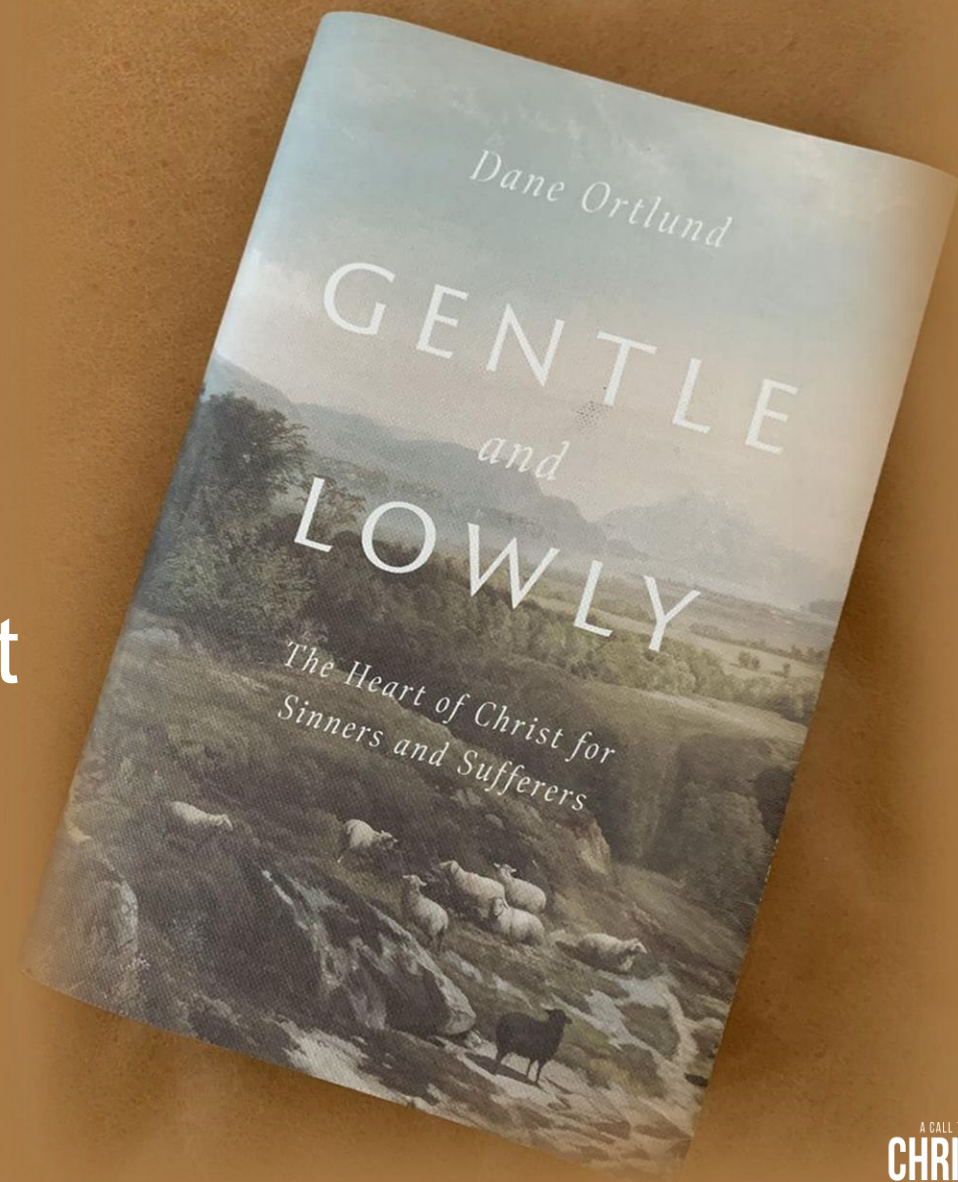
28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 9:19 [NIV]

Jesus got up and went with him

“Meek. Humble. Gentle. Jesus is not trigger-happy. Not harsh, reactionary, easily exasperated. He is the most understanding person in the universe. The posture most natural to him is not a pointed finger but open arms.”

Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*



Matthew 9:35-36 [NIV]

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



**Jesus' compassion is for
all of us.**

John 14:6 [NIV]


...“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 10:11 [NIV]

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

3 Characteristics of The Compassion of Jesus

1. It is tradition-breaking -
unconventional.
2. It is constantly true -
unceasing.
3. It is for all who are lost –
unbiased.



**What does the
compassion of Jesus
translate into for his
followers?**

Matthew 9:37-38 [NIV]

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”



Compassion makes caring specific.



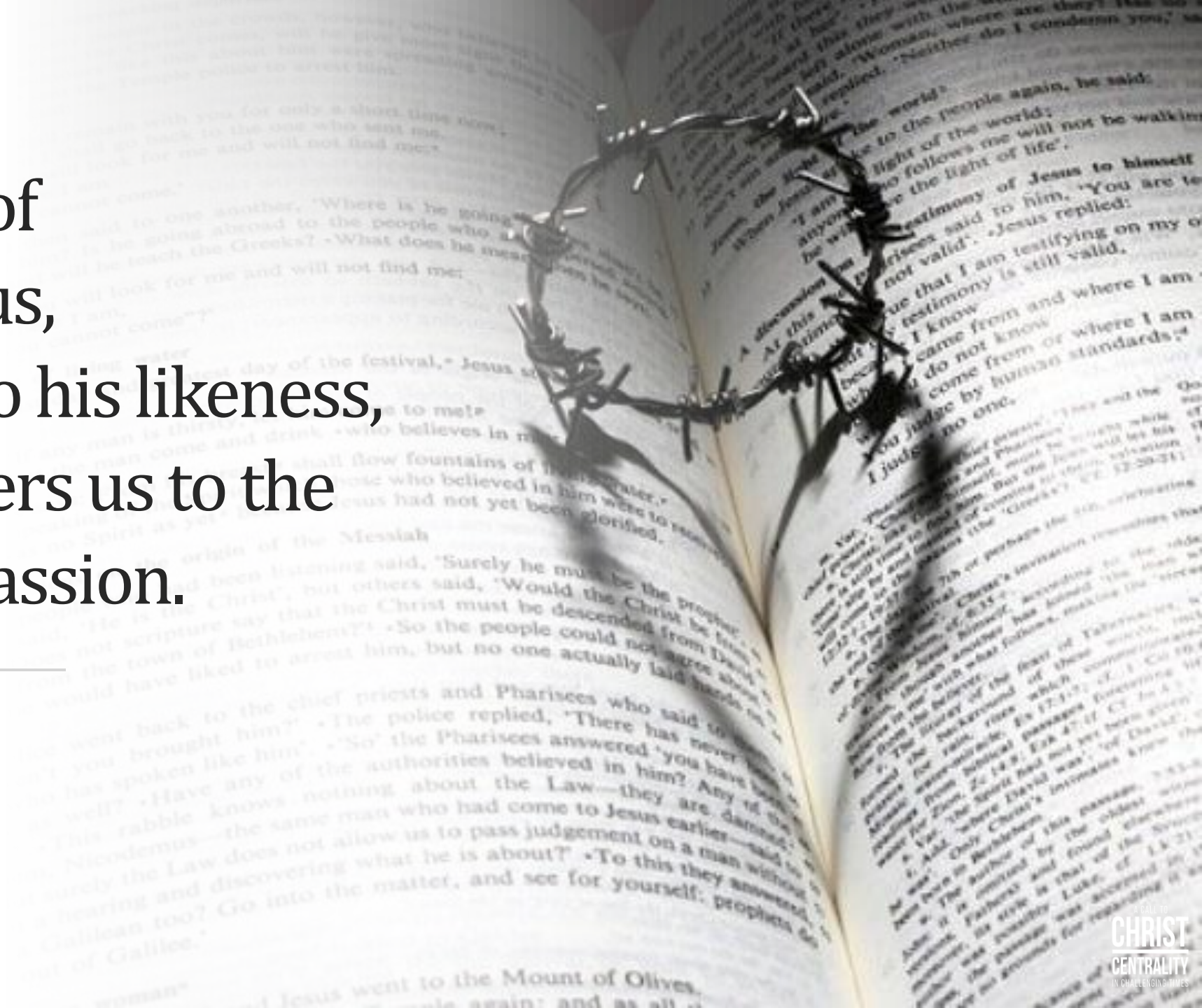
**Our
compassion is
a diminishing
resource.**

What can we do when our compassion runs dry?

- **Slow Down**
- **Draw from the Source of all compassion**



The compassion of Christ embraces us, transforms us into his likeness, and then empowers us to the ministry of compassion.



Applications:

- **Read Psalm 103:8-14**
- **In your group, share how you will practically extend compassion to someone in need**

Benediction

