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COMPASSION BUILDS COMMUNITY

Let us begin with that statement. What do we think of when we say those words? **Does your compassion build your community?** Compassion builds community because it reaches to those beyond the margins. Also, it extends to those who are hurting and scared to take the chance to trust in Jesus.

In Mark 8:2-3, Jesus says, "I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way and some of them have come from a great distance." Jesus models the word **compassion** for us to observe and learn how to carry it out within our communities. He sees the need and in fact we must follow his teaching to create that same exact need.

Brothers & Sisters, Let us be reminded: **Jesus is compassionate about our needs and expects us to be compassionate about the needs of others.**

Our Savior was willing to be involved as well. He didn't stand on the sidelines and dictate or direct. He didn't complain or say the old words, "**That idea will never work!**" He didn't put himself over others either.

Are you willing to showcase compassion to your community?

Your willingness to be the hands and feet of Jesus will not only show how to love and live like Jesus but will demonstrate Jesus to our lost and sinful world. The world needs Jesus right now and compassion is the starting catalyst.

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

-Galatians 6:2

Love In Christ,
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