

COMPASSION

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Main Scripture: Exodus 32; 2 Peter 3: 9-10

Supportive Scripture: Exodus 24; Exodus 20: 1-6; Luke 9: 50 - 56

Notes:

Asking everyone tonight to call Gwen's name in prayer tonight. I believe the Lord is drawing her and I want us to pray for her in a special way tonight. That the Lord will save her and renew her and make a new creation out of her.

Last we looked at compassion for our brothers in this world from Genesis 18 - Abram interceding on behalf of the people in Sodom and Gomorrah.

Peter allows us to know what the mind of God is - He takes no pleasure in seeing men perishing but his utmost desire is that all [every individual] should come to repentance.

Take note that Moses is on a mission to receive from the Lord the Law and commandments that the Lord desires to give to his people.

Moses is going up in the mountain and the people are left with Aaron and Hur.

Moses saw a bush engulfed with fire prior to this (God prepares his leaders) but the people didn't see it and so they are afraid.

If we study the book of Exodus we know how the Lord delivered the people mightly

God is the one that delivered the Children of Israel.

Moses is in the presence of God. He is gone up to receive the laws that will govern the nation of Israel and in the midst of that the people became impatient they are anxious they gather themselves to Aaron and Hur may be missing.

Contrast Exodus 20: 1-2 with Exodus 32: 7

The people disobeyed God by fashioning a golden image and debasing themselves before a graven image. - This is a rebellion - rebellion is caused by impatience. God does not operate on a man's schedule. God has his time and very often we can end up in rebellion against God when we become impatient and anxious and this is why we are encouraged not to be anxious but pray about everything. (Philippians 4: 6-7)

God knows everything there is no secret before him. God's anger is kindled. The people who have now corrupted themselves are about to face the hot anger and wrath of God but note brothers and sisters, note the speech what God says, and that's why it is important at all times when we have our mind and

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concern for people when we understand what the heart of God is towards people we will never become scared of the language as Moses was faced here. God wants to destroy the people. But Moses is listening to God - We can say all we want to say about the world but the bible says - For God So LOVED THE WORLD - John 3: 16. He loves them passionately.

Look at the words "Let me alone" - Moses is a mere mortal can he prevent him from doing his will - what does God mean? Seizing the opportunity - Moses sought the Lord - God's speech towards humanity always has an open door for dialogue. He wants to have the kind of relationship that is open dialogue.

Moses is in the presence of God the people are corrupt but Moses is interceding on behalf of the people.

What should our mindset be in this world? Some of us don't have a clue of how important one soul is to the Lord.

Enjoying the power of the Lord and the anointing but no concern for those who have not met the Lord and then when our messages are not received by the world we want to call down fire and lightning - You are not of the Spirit of God. - Luke 9: 50 - 56

You are seeing the miracles but you still don't have the heart and passion as Jesus has.

So Moses begins to intercede in the dialogue on the mountain. Moses knew that if God wanted to destroy them immediately he could not resist but he recognized God was giving him the opportunity to intercede on behalf of the people. There are times the spirit of the Lord will move on you to give you heartfelt compassion even to cry and sometimes you see a situation and you don't have words for it but this is a burden from the Lord. The Lord will allow you to know what he is going to do.

At the age of 18/19 I was at the back of a building and I was crying before the Lord and the Lord spoke to me and he said clearly there will be a fire in Kingston and it can be very disastrous but I want you to pray against this fire. I just believe and I cry and asked God to give me tears to cry and I began to cry and pray against it. In the night I remember I was at home watching the news and forgot what the Lord said but while watching the news a fire broke out at the oil refinery but the Lord would have it that it was quickly contained. Right away the word of the Lord came back into my spirit - because you pray. The Lord was teaching me the value of interceding for people. It could be that the Lord could see the wickedness of a city and wants his judgment poured out but asked us to intercede. The prophets would warn and cry before impending judgment. God wants us to be aware to always have people on our minds. The Lord may share the word "I will cause disaster.." and he is excited to just speak the word with no compassion and you don't stop to think that there are 3 million people in Toronto. It is in the private moment with you and the Lord God speaks. God wants us and checking our heart to see where your mind is concerning people. There are times when the Lord will speak to me concerning certain things and I would hold it because I'm in a conversation with him. Lord, you have to stay your hand and show mercy.

God did not say to Moses to stop talking - God is listening to Moses - watch what happens - God repented of the evil. Moses did not leave the presence of the Lord until he was satisfied. God told him to go down from the beginning.

Moses is aware that the greatest need of man is forgiveness for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Moses understands that there is something that God has that man needs. Man is full of sin and God is full of mercy. The greatest exchange that can take place is forgiveness of sins.

Examine carefully the heart of God. "God so loved the world" It is love for people that caused him to come into this world. It is love for people - the criminals, thieves, robbers, soccerers, all different kinds of people. He came into this world for broken people. Those who consider themselves righteous he came for them too but they don't realize. God is interested in saving men, women, boys, and girls. He is interested in making a new creation out of people. The challenge is whether we have the mind of God towards people or are we just enjoying a relationship with God and don't have a mind for people. If that is our attitude then we don't have the spirit of Jesus. The mind of the Lord is to save, rescue men who are perishing. I believe the Lord wants to open our eyes and hearts that when we pass people and see them something will move in us and cause us to pray and witness (not just to share doctrine- humans need Love) What humans need is love. That's why he came, sin blinded us and made us fearful of his presence. But God's desire is to show mercy and if that's the heart of God that is the heart the church should have. To labor for the souls of Men.

We are trapped in a four-wall experience where we set our minds on just services. I am not trying to pattern this ministry off any other ministry whatever the spirit of the Lord says we will do. We must live in his experience so we are not trapped in routines. You cant control the mind of God. God wants to deliver us from the four-wall experience. Where are imprisoned and we don't understand. God wants to mobilize us. There will be days when only just a few in church praying while others are on the battlefield seeking out the lost. We better have a different attitude towards God. We better quickly get the mind of God. If our heart is not after his will he cant use us? We will become bench warmers in the church.

" I want you to understand the passion I have for people"

We haven't started serving the Lord until people are on our minds. God didn't give us the light for ourselves. He gave us the light so we could shine it before men. We haven't started serving God until we start serving people. Let the word become part of us that we will live the way God wants us to be.

This world has changed and how we operate as a church will also change as it relates to our online experience - it remains the same.