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INSIDE OUT COMPASSION

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Text: Matthew 9:35-38

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-38)

INTRODUCTION

- God in His compassion is Lord of the harvest
- today's society needs compassion
- Ps 86:15 God full of compassion

"Jesus wept." (John 11:35) - Jesus' grief at Lazarus' death

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20)

1. AN INNER Compassion (v. 36)

A. He saw the Need - Jesus

"Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city."
(Lamentations 3:51)

Quote: "Jesus did not argue with people, but rather went to help those who would receive Him." Jesus engaged with people

"And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it," (Luke 19:41)

B. He felt the Need - Jesus

Jesus came to all people
"And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? 17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Mark 2:16-17)

"And of some have compassion, making a difference." (Jude 1:22)

- Few laborers for the harvest

2. AN OUTWARD Call (v. 37)

A. About an Abundant need

"Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, And gather yourselves together round about: Thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: For there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: Come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; For their wickedness is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:11-14)

THE CROP IS READY - crops fully ripe

THE TIME IS URGENT - narrow time to harvest

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. 35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." (John 4:34-35)

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."
(Jeremiah 8:20)

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4)

B. About an Absent workforce

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." (1 Corinthians 3:6)

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Quote: "We are to evangelize, not because it is easy, not because we may be successful, but because Christ has called us. He is our Lord. We have no other choice, but to obey him." —**Leighton Ford**

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

Quote: "Ministry that costs nothing, accomplishes nothing"

3. AN UPWARD Prayer (v. 38)

A. A Call to pray - anyone can pray

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel," (Ephesians 6:18-19)

- every Christian a witness

- Every saint a ~~service~~ servant

B. A Commission to send

Quote: "Self-sufficient or God-sufficient"

TO OUR COMMUNITY

"And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." (Luke 14:22-24)

HOW TO REACH OUR COMMUNITY

1. Soul Winning training
2. Acts of Kindness
3. Gospel tracts
4. Intentional relationships
5. Sharing in burdens

TO OUR WORLD

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

CONCLUSION

"And of some have compassion, making a difference..." (Jude 1:22)

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Quote: "Our belief should affect our behavior"

Quote: "People don't care how much you know until they know how much care."



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