

## SYMPATHY – COMPASSION

**James 1:27:** *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

**Romans 12:15:** *Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.*

### EXAMPLES OF:

#### 1. David for Hanun

**2 Samuel 10:2:** *Then said David, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon.*

#### 2. Jewish Maid for Naaaman

**2 Kings 5:1-4:**

**1** Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valour, but he was a leper.

**2** And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife.

**3** And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy.

**4** And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.



#### 3. Job's friends for Job

**Job 2:11-13:**

**11** Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an

**appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.**



**12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.**

**13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.**

#### **4. Ebed-melech to Jeremiah**

**Jeremiah 38:7-13:**

**7 Now when Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin;**

**8 Ebedmelech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the king saying,**

**9 My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for there is no more bread in the city.**

**10 Then the king commanded Ebedmelech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die.**

**11 So Ebedmelech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.**

**12 And Ebedmelech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so.**

**13 So they drew up Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.**

#### **5. Darius to Daniel**

**Daniel 6:18-23:**

**18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him.**

**19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.**

**20 And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the Living God, is thy God, Whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?**

**21 Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever.**

**22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.**

**23 Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.**



## **6. Four friends of Palsied man**

**Mark 2:3-5:**

**3 And they come unto Him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four.**

**4 And when they could not come nigh unto Him for the press, they uncovered the roof where He was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay.**

**5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said unto the sick of the palsy, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee."**

## **7. Jews for Friends of Jesus**

**Matthew 4:24: And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them.**

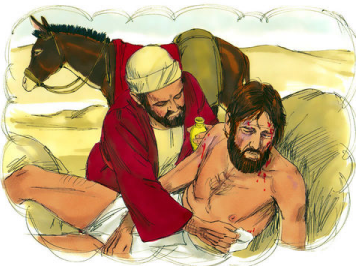
## **8. Good Samaritan**

**Luke 10:33-35:**

**33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he [the injured man] was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him,**

**34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.**

**35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took**



*out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.*

## **9. Jews for Mary and Martha**

*John 11:19: And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.*

*John 11:31-33:*

*<sup>31</sup> The Jews then which were with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, “She goeth unto the grave to weep there.”*

*<sup>32</sup> Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying unto Him, “Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.”*

*<sup>33</sup> When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.*



## **10. The heathen people on the Island of Melita:**

*Acts 28:1-2:*

*<sup>1</sup> And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.*

*<sup>2</sup> And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.*

*Matthew 9:36: 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.*

*Matthew 14:14: And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.*

*Matthew 15:32: Then Jesus called His disciples unto Him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.*

*Matthew 20:34: So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their*

**eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.**

**Mark 1:41: And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth His Hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean.**

**Mark 5:19: Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."**

**Luke 7:13-15:**

**<sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not."**

**<sup>14</sup> And He came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise."**

**<sup>15</sup> And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And He [Jesus] delivered him to his mother.**

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