

Compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs.

DAY 1

Read Galatians 6:2

One BIG part of friendship is being a support to a friend who's sad. Maybe your friend...

failed their last math test.
has a class with a group of mean kids.
is worried about a sick grandmother.

Today's verse reminds us to show compassion by "carrying one another's heavy loads." That doesn't mean you actually carry something around. It means that you think about them, imagine what they must be feeling, and pray for them. It means asking, "How are you feeling today?" and then LISTENING to their answer. You might simply sit with them and say, "I'm so sorry." You don't have to fix the problem. You just need to remind them that you are there to listen and to offer a hug.

Can you think of a friend who is sad? What is ONE thing you can do this week to show that friend that you want to help carry their heavy load? Choose to show compassion this week because God has shown compassion to you.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 145:9

What does the word "all" mean? While it might seem like a silly question, this one small word might be the most important one in today's verse. Think of someone in your world that's hard to get along with, who gets on your nerves, or that everyone ignores at school. Write that kid's name in a blank below:

"The LORD is good to He shows deep concern for everything he has made."

God cares just as much for the kid you listed as for your best friend. And because God loves and cares for all, as followers of Jesus, we should show compassion to everyone.

What is one way you can show compassion to the person you listed this week? Ask God to help you follow through.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

We've been learning that compassion is caring enough to do something about someone else's needs. You can't show compassion without CARING about others. Why should we care for others? Because God cares for us! God is the source of all comfort. And because God loves and cares for us, we can show compassion to others.

Fill It Up

Grab two plastic cups from the kitchen. Write your name on one. Set a timer for one minute. Write down the names of people you know on the second cup. Try to cover the cup with as many names as you can before the timer runs out.

Fill the cup with your name almost to the brim with water. This cup represents all the love and care God has for you. Now, carefully pour the water from that cup into the second cup. Then read today's verse out loud as a prayer. Thank God for caring for you so you can care for others.

Read John 15:12

Before His work on earth was done, Jesus spoke these words to His followers as a command. It wasn't a suggestion or something to think about. It was a direct order to treat others with compassion and care.

Jesus cared for the sick and the hurting. He took time to talk to people who were ignored. He fed those who were hungry. And soon, Jesus would GIVE His life so that we could have a relationship with God, forever. This command is for us, too. As followers of Jesus, we should love and care because Jesus loves us.

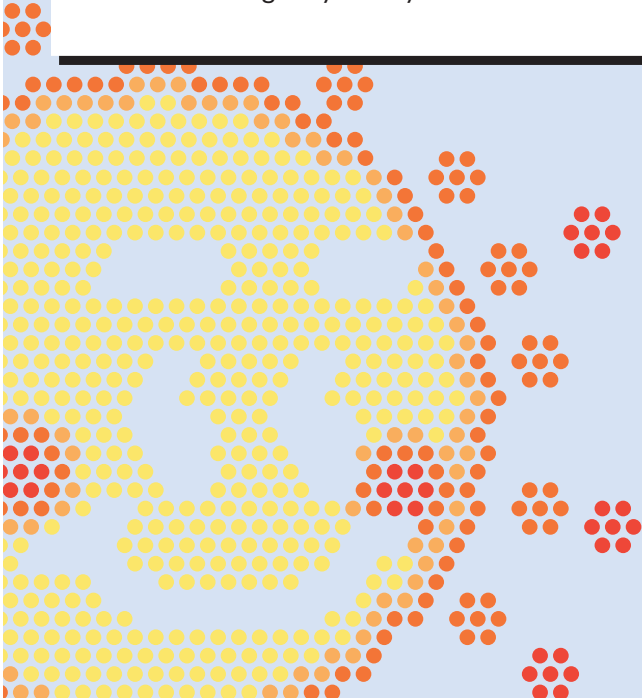
Decode This!

Use the key below to fill in the letters and then repeat the phrase for today.

Key				
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Answer: Comfort others



Comfort others the way God comforts you.