



ON A MISSION FROM GOD: **Restoring Our Compassion**

Text: Luke 10:25-37

Introduction: Last Sunday morning we considered the story of Jonah. We talked about how our mission for God, like the mission of Jonah, is more successful when we have a strong commitment to the task set before us. One of the thoughts that I brought out, but didn't flesh out, was the idea of how the heart of God needs to be center of our lives....not just the message on our lips. There are some great Bible stories that reinforce this thought. Let's open our Bibles and read a familiar text together....

Discussion:

- I. The Critical No-It-All = Lawyer/Attorney***
 - A. Compassion Should Be Exploited
 - B. Compassion Should Be Explained
 - C. Compassion Should Be Explored

- II. The Criminal Hooligans = Thieves/Robbers***
 - A. Why Show Compassion, When You Can Steal?
 - B. Why Show Compassion, When You Can Hide The Evidence?
 - C. Why Show Compassion, When Nobody Cares?

- III. The Conscientious Elite = Priest & Levite***
 - A. Compassion Is For Those Who Want To Get Involved
 - B. Compassion Is For Those Who Have Time To Get Involved
 - C. Compassion Is For Those Who Are Obligated To Get Involved

- IV. The Compassionate Neighbor = Good Samaritan***
 - A. Compassion Sees Beyond Self
 - B. Compassion Sees Beyond Risk
 - C. Compassion Sees Beyond Cost

Conclusion: The secret to compassion is not found in religion. It is found in the eyes of Jesus. It is found in the shadow of the cross. The result of compassion is being Christ-like and obeying His commands not because we have to, but because we are compelled by what Jesus has done for us. God has called us to go on a mission for Him...a mission of compassion. Are you ready to go?

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