



I Shall Not Be Moved

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Introduction: If you have read "*The Sneetches and Other Stories*" by Dr. Seuss you have heard the story of "*The Zax*." A north-going Zax and a south-going Zax meet face to face, but because they stubbornly refuse to move east, west, or any direction except their original direction, they become stuck! They remain forever "unbudded in their tracks." Why do people refuse to move? In our lesson, I want us to notice the things that moved Jesus and how that should affect us today. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. What Moved Jesus?

- A. Jesus was moved with compassion to do His Father's will.
John 6:38, Luke 2:49, John 15:9, John 17:26, Matthew 10:28, Hebrews 12:2
- B. Jesus was moved with compassion to help the multitudes.
Matthew 9:36, Matthew 14:14, Matthew 15:32, John 10:17-18, John 3:16
- C. Jesus was moved with compassion to help individuals.
Mark 1:40-41, Mark 5:1-20, Luke 7:11-15, Matthew 20:30-34
- D. Jesus was moved with compassion to help the helpless.
Mark 6:34, Matthew 9:37-38, Matthew 10:1-7, Matthew 18:1-4, Matthew 19:13-15, Mark 9:26-50, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 18:15-17

II. What Moves Us?

- A. We should be moved with compassion to do the Father's will.
Psalms 86:15, Zechariah 7:9, Luke 6:36
- B. We should be moved with compassion to help the multitudes.
Matthew 9:36, Matthew 14:14
- C. We should be moved with compassion to help individuals.
Matthew 22:37, Mark 12:29-30, Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:39, Mark 12:31
- D. We should be moved with compassion to help the helpless.
I Timothy 5:3-16, James 1:27, Matthew 25:31-46

III. What Can We Do?

- A. We need to develop a compassionate heart.
I Thessalonians 4:9, I John 3:16-17, Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:24-25
- B. We need to fellowship with compassionate people.
Revelation 2-3, Colossians 3:12, I John 3:17, James 2:15-16
- C. We need to reintroduce ourselves to the compassionate Christ.
Luke 15:20, John 4:1-32, John 8:2-11, Luke 23:39-43, John 3:16-17
- D. We need to radically change ourselves to the image of the compassionate Christ.
James 4:8, Romans 12:1-2, I Corinthians 11:1, Matthew 5:13-16, Mark 6:34, I Peter 3:15, Matthew 9:38

Conclusion: Where are you on the road to eternity? The way I see it we have two choices: we can be like the Zax or we can be like Jesus. Yeah, they wrote a book about the Zax and they built a highway around them. But, Jesus.... they wrote a best-selling book about Him.... and the Lord built a church around Him. Will you stand your ground and refuse to budge? Or will you be moved with compassion?

WORD OF THE DAY = "COMPASSION"