

“Compassion for the Broken”

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Compassion Defined

1- Literal meaning- “To suffer with”

2- Described As- A feeling that arises when witnessing someone who is suffering, that turns into action to help that person. More than just empathy, which is the ability to understand that person’s feelings, but doesn’t necessarily turn into action.

Broken Defined

1- Literal or physical meaning- Having been fractured, damaged, or no longer in working order

2- Mental Brokenness- Having given up all Hope, or in despair

3- Spiritual Brokenness- Deep sorrow for sin and feeling inadequate before God

1 There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. ² He had seven sons and three daughters. ³ He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. **(Job 1: 1-3 NLT)**

⁶ One day the angels^[a] came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan^[b] also came with them. ⁷ The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?”

Satan answered the Lord, “From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it.”

⁸ Then the Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil.” **(Job 1:6-8 NIV)**

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¹⁸ While he was still speaking, another messenger arrived with this news: “Your sons and daughters were feasting in their oldest brother’s home. ¹⁹ Suddenly, a powerful wind swept in from the wilderness and hit the house on all sides. The house collapsed, and all your children are dead. I am the only one who escaped to tell you.”

²⁰ Job stood up and tore his robe in grief. Then he shaved his head and fell to the ground to worship. ²¹ He said,

“I came naked from my mother’s womb,
and I will be naked when I leave.

The Lord gave me what I had,
and the Lord has taken it away.

Praise the name of the Lord!”

²² In all of this, Job did not sin by blaming God. **(Job 1:18-22 NLT)**

⁶ “All right, do with him as you please,” the Lord said to Satan. “But spare his life.” ⁷ So Satan left the Lord’s presence, and he struck Job with terrible boils from head to foot.

⁸ Job scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery as he sat among the ashes. ⁹ His wife said to him, “Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Curse God and die.”

¹⁰ But Job replied, “You talk like a foolish woman. Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?” So, in all this, Job said nothing wrong. **(Job 2: 6-10 NLT)**

8 Then Bildad the Shuhite replied to Job

² “How long will you go on like this?
You sound like a blustering wind.

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³ Does God twist justice?

Does the Almighty twist what is right?

⁴ Your children must have sinned against him,

so their punishment was well deserved. **(Job 8: 1-4 NLT)**

11 Then Zophar the Naamathite replied to Job:

² “Shouldn’t someone answer this torrent of words?

Is a person proved innocent just by a lot of talking?

³ Should I remain silent while you babble on?

When you mock God, shouldn’t someone make you ashamed?

⁴ You claim, ‘My beliefs are pure,’

and ‘I am clean in the sight of God.’

⁵ If only God would speak;

if only he would tell you what he thinks!

⁶ If only he would tell you the secrets of wisdom,

for true wisdom is not a simple matter.

Listen! God is doubtlessly punishing you

far less than you deserve! **(Job 11: 1-6 NLT)**

15 Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied:

² “A wise man wouldn’t answer with such empty talk!

You are nothing but a windbag.

³ The wise don’t engage in empty chatter.

What good are such words?

⁴ Have you no fear of God,

no reverence for him?

⁵ Your sins are telling your mouth what to say.

Your words are based on clever deception.

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⁶Your own mouth condemns you, not I.

Your own lips testify against you. (**Job 15: 1-6 NLT**)

17 “My spirit is broken,
and my life is nearly snuffed out.
The grave is ready to receive me.

²I am surrounded by mockers.
I watch how bitterly they taunt me.

³“You must defend my innocence, O God,
since no one else will stand up for me.

⁴You have closed their minds to understanding,
but do not let them triumph.

⁵They betray their friends for their own advantage,
so let their children faint with hunger.

⁶“God has made a mockery of me among the people;
they spit in my face.

⁷My eyes are swollen with weeping,
and I am but a shadow of my former self.

⁸The virtuous are horrified when they see me.
The innocent rise up against the ungodly.

⁹The righteous keep moving forward,
and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger.

¹⁰“As for all of you, come back with a better argument,
though I still won’t find a wise man among you.

¹¹My days are over.
My hopes have disappeared.
My heart’s desires are broken.

¹²These men say that night is day;
they claim that the darkness is light.

¹³What if I go to the grave^[a]
and make my bed in darkness?

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- ¹⁴ What if I call the grave my father,
and the maggot my mother or my sister?
- ¹⁵ Where then is my hope?
Can anyone find it?
- ¹⁶ No, my hope will go down with me to the grave.
We will rest together in the dust!” (**Job 17: 1-16 NLT**)
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38 Then the Lord answered Job from the whirlwind:

- ² “Who is this that questions my wisdom
with such ignorant words?
- ³ Brace yourself like a man,
because I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.
- ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Tell me, if you know so much.
- ⁵ Who determined its dimensions
and stretched out the surveying line?
- ⁶ What supports its foundations,
and who laid its cornerstone
- ⁷ as the morning stars sang together
and all the angels^[a] shouted for joy?
- ⁸ “Who kept the sea inside its boundaries
as it burst from the womb, (**Job 38:1-8 NLT**)
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42 Then Job replied to the Lord:

- ² “I know that you can do anything,
and no one can stop you.

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³ You asked, ‘Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?’

It is I—and I was talking about things I knew nothing about,
things far too wonderful for me.

⁴ You said, ‘Listen and I will speak!

I have some questions for you,
and you must answer them.’

⁵ I had only heard about you before,
but now I have seen you with my own eyes.

⁶ I take back everything I said,
and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance.”

⁷ After the Lord had finished speaking to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite: “I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken accurately about me, as my servant Job has **(Job 42: 1-7 NLT)**

¹² So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. For now, he had 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 teams of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. ¹³ He also gave Job seven more sons and three more daughters. **(Job 42: 12-13 NLT)**

¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful **(James 5:10-11 NKJV)**

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***NO SCRIPTURE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME WHILE I SHARE MY TESTIMONY OF
BROKENNESS***

¹⁶ “For this is how God loved the world: He gave^[a] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. **(John 3:16-17 NLT)**

⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation. **(Romans 5:8-9 NLT)**

⁸ Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. **(2 Timothy 2:8 NLT)**

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³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away^[h]—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” **(Acts**

2:38-39 NLT)

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of sin. ³⁵ A slave is not a permanent member of the family, but a son is part of the family forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. **(John 8:34-36 NLT)**

⁴ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. **(1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT)**

⁸ Finally, all *of you be* of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, *be* tenderhearted, *be* ^[h] courteous; ⁹ not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. **(1 Peter 3:8-9 NKJV)**