

THE CITY #3
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“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.” Psalm 34:18 NLT

“The LORD is rebuilding Jerusalem and bringing the exiles back to Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.” Psalm 147:2-3 NLT

GOD KNOWS _____.

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“The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly. He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.” Psalm 103:6-8 NLT

WHEN PRIVATE BATTLES ARE BEING FOUGHT...

IN MY CITY ...PAIN IS EVERYWHERE

PRIVATE PAIN _____.

“I am exhausted and completely crushed. My groans come from an anguished heart. You know what I long for, Lord; you hear my every sigh. My heart beats wildly, my strength fails, and I am going blind. My loved ones and friends stay away, fearing my disease. Even my own family stands at a distance.” Psalm 38:8-11 NLT

PRIVATE PAIN _____.

“Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has devoured us, he has thrown us into confusion, he has made us an empty jar. Like a serpent he has swallowed us and filled his stomach with our delicacies, and then has spewed us out.” Jeremiah 51:34 NIV

PRIVATE PAIN _____.

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers.” James 1:12-16 NIV

IN MY CITY...PAIN IS RELIEVED THROUGH COMPASSIONATE ACTION

ACTING COMPASSIONATELY _____.

“A man with hew 14:14leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” Mark 1:40-41 NLT

ACTING COMPASSIONATELY _____.

“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Matthew 14:14 NIV

ACTING COMPASSIONATELY _____.

“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.” Luke 10:33-34 NIV

ACTING COMPASSIONATELY _____.

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:36-38 NIV

ACTING COMPASSIONATELY _____.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’” Matthew 25-34-36 NIV

SPIRIT EMPOWERED MEN ACT COMPASSIONATELY

“Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Acts 3:2-6 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

CAN YOU THINK OF A TIME YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU FELT COMPLETELY ALONE IN LIFE?

WHO WOULD YOU SAY HAS SHOWED COMPASSION WHEN LEAST EXPECTED IT? WHY

DOES TRUE COMPASSION WIN OTHERS OVER WHEN OTHER WAYS FAIL? WHICH

ASPECT OF “ACTING COMPASSIONATELY” RESONATES WITH YOU PERSONALLY? WHICH

ASPECT OF “ACTING COMPASSIONATELY” CONVICTS YOU PERSONALLY?