

Day 10 - Compassion & Friendship

Every day, we are presented with multiple opportunities to love and influence others. It is crucial that we see that God is consistently at work all around us. God invites us to be a part of loving people well by extending compassion and friendship in both simple and surprising ways.

What would it look like to love and influence others through compassion and friendship in your day-to-day life?

Our focus scripture for today is 1 Peter 4:8-10

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.”

We must be transformed by Jesus to extend compassion, grow our friendships, and maintain constant love with others. Peter urges believers to show hospitality and serve others with natural and supernatural gifts. Hospitality in the Bible means *loving the stranger*. Jesus did for us through His life, death, and resurrection. As we do the same, God’s vast and beautiful grace comes through our lives and impacts those around us.

Pause to ask God to remind you, in new and fresh ways, how Jesus showed you, who was once a stranger, love through His life, death, and resurrection.

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we invite you to think about your circles of influence. Who in your circle needs to be reminded of Christ’s love today? Once God reveals that person, use your time, talents, and resources to love them well and show them compassion.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, the Lord who loves us says in:

Proverbs 17:17 and Romans 14:19 ¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a difficult time and ¹⁹ So then, let us pursue what promotes peace and what builds up one another.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.