



# The Holy Spirit Enables Us To Be Compassionate Like Christ

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# Luke 4:14-21




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## Luke 22:39

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives.



**The Mount of Olives was the place where Jesus went regularly to pray, the synagogue was the place where Jesus went regularly to worship.**



**Jesus prayed regularly in  
public and in private.**



Luke 18:1

We should always pray and not give up.



**Whenever we neglect prayer,  
we rob ourselves of the presence,  
the power, and the peace of God.**






**Worship attendance is first and foremost about giving God the glory in the place that he alone is worthy of.**

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**Worship is also about fellowship.  
It is in the fellowship that the fire of  
the Spirit may best be kindled and  
rekindled in our souls.**

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**On this particular day,  
at the inauguration of his ministry,  
Jesus is asked to read the scriptures  
and to teach.**



# Isaiah 61:1-2



**“Today this scripture is  
fulfilled in your hearing.”**

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**In eight words, Jesus made a  
profound and declaratory  
announcement about who he is  
and his mission in life.**



**Today! Not tomorrow! Right now!  
Not later on! Not in the fullness of  
time! The time had come!**




**The Spirit of the Lord is on you.**





**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.**



**The Spirit of the Lord is upon “me”  
because he has anointed “me.” He  
has sent “me!” The Spirit of the  
Lord is upon you and me like it was  
upon Jesus.**



# Luke 3:21



# I Corinthians 12:13

For we were all baptized by one spirit into one body.




## Romans 8:14


Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.



**Verse 14 - that he returned to his  
hometown in the power of the Spirit.**



**We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit and when the Spirit comes on us, we are filled with power to be God's witnesses in the world.**



**The word “anoint” is the Hebrew word  
Massah which means to “rub or to  
smear” referring to the act of anointing  
one with oil for the purpose of  
consecrating or setting them apart for a  
special assignment or work.**






**The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,  
because he has anointed us.**



## Acts 10:37-38

You know what happened through Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached-how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around “doing” good and healing all those who were under the power of the devil because God was with him.




**The “least of these” are folks who  
find themselves in a vulnerable or  
helpless condition.**



**The least of these are poor!**



**The least of these are hungry!**




**The least of these are in prison.  
Prison rates in America are the  
highest in the world, at 724  
people per 100,000.**



# Matthew 25:40

As you did it to one of the least of these  
my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.




**As a church and as members of the  
body of Christ we are empowered,  
called, sent to practice risk-taking  
mission and service in the name of  
Christ, both here at home and abroad.**





# **Robert Shane**


The word “mission turns church service outward.”

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**What motivated Jesus' mission of service to the downtrodden, the dispossessed and the disinherited was his compassion. Jesus was compassionate.**



# Matthew 9:36

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**The word compassion is the strongest word for pity in the Greek language. It comes from the noun which means “the bowels.” To have compassion is to be moved at the deepest depth of your being.**




# Discussion

What group of suffering humanity do you feel the most compassion for? What do you feel moved to do for them?



**In the power of the Spirit, we must  
do the same through our mission  
and service.**



**But God is calling us to more, so much more. God is calling us to move beyond the comfortable to throw caution to the wind. God wants us to take some risks as we engage in mission.**



**Risk – taking mission and service is  
reaching out to people that we are  
not comfortable with.**





# Discussion

Have we gotten too comfortable performing ministry in predictable ways, in safe places with people that we know all too well?



## 2 Timothy 1:7

God has not given us a spirit of timidity or fear, but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind.



# Discussion

What do you feel called to do for others that you have never done before?



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