

Compassionate Outreach: Taking it to the streets

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 NKJV

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any ^[a]trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our ^[b]consolation also abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-5 Message

³⁻⁵ All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

I

Community outreach refers to the practice of engaging with and providing services to a specific population, often those who may face barriers to accessing those services. It involves actively going into communities to build relationships, share information, and offer support, rather than waiting for people to come to our Church. Essentially, it's about extending resources and assistance to those who need it most, taking care of with empowerment.

This passage from 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 expresses praise to God as the source of all comfort, emphasizing that He provides comfort in times of trouble so that believers can, in turn, offer that same comfort to others. It highlights the connection between sharing in Christ's sufferings and experiencing an abundance of comfort through Him.

Empathy and compassion, while related, are distinct concepts. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person, while compassion is a feeling of concern for others and a desire to help alleviate their suffering. In essence, empathy is about understanding, while compassion is about action.

II

1 John 3:18

NKJV My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Message: My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love.

Remember, compassion is a feeling of concern for others and a desire to help alleviate their suffering.

Sometimes, the body of Christ gets focused on ourselves, and we no longer have a good, credible witness for the communities or even the world. We are also sometimes afraid of that which is different, does not act or talk like a Christian.

Matthew 28 19-20 NKJV

¹⁹Go ^[a]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28 19-20 Amplified

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations [help the people to learn of Me, believe in Me, and obey My words], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always [remaining with you perpetually—regardless of circumstance, and on every occasion], even to the end of the age.”

III

Rhema is located in the midst of it all.

Bishop Scales wanted the city, the nation, and the world.

Pastor Tony wants a 5-mile radius around the church.

I asked God. What are these 2 brothers eating? God said the word, and they believe every bit of it.

Now get yourself a big bowl of it, let's do this.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God.

Bro Ken is going to make it easy on you. We can start across the street.

Taking 1 street at a time

And just asking we go around the corner, take 1 block

Let's get some evangelistic walking shoes on.

Go in love with compassion

2026 Compassion, we are feeding the community. **“Stay tuned.”**

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