



The Building Block of Compassion

Building Blocks: The Foundations of a Great Life

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Memory Verse:

(Jesus) *"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock."*
- Matthew 7:24-25

THE FOUNDATIONS OF A GREAT LIFE:

A Great Commitment to the Great Commandments and the
Great Commission done with Great Compassion
will grow a Great Christian and a Great Church.

HOW TO BUILD MY LIFE ON THE GREAT COMPASSION

- **R EMEMBER GOD'S COMPASSION FOR ME.**

(Jesus) *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."* - John 3:16

- **R ECOGNIZE THE NEEDS AROUND ME.**

Key Components of The Great Compassion:

- Feed the hungry
- Give a drink to the thirsty
- Welcome those who are new
- Clothe those who are in need
- Care for the sick
- Visit those in prison

The Great Compassion

(Jesus) *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'... 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"*
- Matthew 25:34-36, 40

• R EACT WHEN I CAN TO MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

"What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don't show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, and you say, 'Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well' – but then you don't give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do? So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless." - James 2:14-17

• R ESPOND WITH OTHERS TO MEET LONG-TERM NEEDS.

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed."
- Ecclesiastes 4:9

• R EFOCUS MY ATTENTION ON ETERNITY.

(Jesus) *“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.”* - Matthew 6:19-20

(Jesus) *“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!”* - Matthew 25:40

Join us next Sunday, January 23 as we continue our **Building Blocks** teaching series with *The Building Block of Mission*. Invite your friends and family and join us IN-PERSON at 11am at the AMC Empire 25 Theater in Times Square or for Church Online at 9am, 11am, & 1pm (plus additional online service times including Saturdays at 5pm or 7pm).

Weekly Action Steps:

- *If you made a first-time decision to follow Jesus today, email follower@journeynyc.com to receive a free copy of “The Next Step for Your Journey” book, plus other helpful materials.*
- *If you are a first-time guest today, email book@journeynyc.com to receive a free copy of the book, “Unshakable: Standing Strong When Things Go Wrong” (a \$19.95 value).*

My Next Step Today is to...

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 7:24-25.
- ☐ Remember God’s compassion for me and thank Him for my salvation.
- ☐ Send me information on *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* Professionals Breakfast led by special guest Tom Holladay on Wednesday, January 26 from 7:00-7:55am.
- ☐ Invite a friend to join me (in-person or online) for the kick-off of *The Relationship Code* in 2 weeks on Sunday, January 30.

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