

Series: "5 Things you'll Never Hear God say..."  
Part 4: TELL SOMEBODY WHO CARES!  
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**1 Peter 5:7** "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

**Matthew 10:29-31** "Are not sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

## **I. THE GOD OF COMPASSION**

The word "*compassion*" is derived from the Latin which means "to suffer with."

To be "*moved with compassion*" reveals to us the deep and powerful meaning of this expression. The movement is in the deep areas of the body, or as we might say "the guts."

Biblical Examples of Jesus being "moved" with "compassion":

1. **Matthew 9:36** "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."
1. **Matthew 14:14** "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."
2. **Mark 8:2,3** "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance."
4. **Mark 1:41** "Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cured."
5. **Luke 7:13** "When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.'"

## **II. THE COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION**

**1 Peter 5:5** "Wrap yourselves in humility to be servants of each other."

**Philippians 1:8** "God is my witness how much I miss you all with the tender compassion of Jesus Christ."

Jesus invited his disciples to follow him on this humbling way:

1. **Luke 14:11** "The one who humbles himself will be exalted."
2. **Mark 8:34,35** "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

3. *Matthew 18:4* “The one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

4. *Matthew 5:44* “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

### **III. THE OBSTACLES OF COMPASSION**

A. TIME (Luke 10:31, 34)

B. MONEY (Luke 10:35)

C. ATTITUDES

*Psalm 51:1* “Be gracious to me, O God, according to your loving kindness; According to the greatness of your compassion, blot out my transgressions.”