

# MAY 2022

"For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day."

John 6:40



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Wishes Quotes

C-Groups

**Ladies Breakfast 8am Country Kitchen  
3rd Wed of the month**

**New Testament Study 9:30am Sundays  
(downstairs)**

**Ages 4-7 Every Sunday following Communion  
(downstairs)**

**Ladies Study 5:30-6:30 Thursdays @the church  
Studying the book- "How's Your Soul"  
For more info talk to Michaela 970-397-8575**



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## Ways God's Compassion Can Help You

Being stuck stinks, whether it's spiritually, physically, or relationally. Without realizing it, it's easy to get caught-up in routine and lose motivation for improving our lives. And that stinks. When I'm sick of being stuck and finally open myself up to what God has to say about it, I often realize that the comfortable life I'm living is lame. Maybe you can relate. Mark Batterson, pastor of National Community Church, often says that his job is to comfort the afflicted but also to afflict the comfortable. Our comfort needs some affliction every now and then. At some point, we've got to be fed-up with living a life held back by comfort and allow God to come in and stir the pot in the best way possible.

God overflows perfectly with both grace and truth, is full of mercy and slow to anger, but at the same time, ruthlessly refuses to sweep brokenness under the rug. He does not rule with an iron fist, but is also not a cosmic old man who doesn't care about what hurts us.

We all have a line and when that line is crossed, we tend to react, right? Think about coming home after a long day: you haven't spent time with God, the dog tracks-in mud all over your new rug, your child just happened to choose today to be the most rebellious they've ever been, you're tired and drained, and you open mail to find an unexpected bill that you know is going to hurt. You feel like you're going to explode, and when your spouse, roommate, or child makes a flippant comment, you actually do explode. You throw the papers, yell louder, walk faster, and maybe even say something you regret. What happened? You got fed-up. Similar to this is God's response to sin, brokenness, hurt, pain, and us getting stuck. He gets fed-up!

There's a reason Exodus 34:6 is the most repeated verse in all of the Bible. It comes from one of God's interactions with Moses: "Yahweh! The LORD! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness." But this most repeated verse is followed by "But I do not excuse the guilty" (34:7). The prophet Habakkuk highlights this as he records his conversation with God. He's in charge of speaking God's words to the people of Judah in light of their impending Babylonian exile. Some job description. Judah had been guilty of hundreds of years of oppression, affliction, idolatry, and lust. So it would be safe to say that at this point, God was fed-up. A line had been crossed. After God tells Habakkuk what's about to happen, Habakkuk responds with an intriguing line: "And in Your anger, remember Your mercy (3:2)." In the Hebrew language, word order matters. There's a reason he didn't say, "And in your mercy, remember your anger." I think Habakkuk's showing us that God's mercy, compassion, and grace are core components of His character and that His righteous, perfect anger is a reaction *out of* His character. In other words, God's compassion compels Him to action.

So often, we shy away from thinking about God's anger. It makes us uncomfortable. Let's afflict our comfort for a moment. Because of God's good character, His motive will always be restoration, especially when He responds to our stuckness with anger towards the sin, hurt, and brokenness in our lives that's keeping us there, such as passivity or an addiction. His anger is nothing like what we think anger is, though. A lot of us have been hurt by the anger of others. But God's anger is Him acting on His passion for restoration in the lives of His children. His compassion compels Him to action. He loves you too much and cares too much about the brokenness in your life to *not respond* to the things that have kept you stuck and enslaved to the chains of sin for so long.

Your job is to respond in the same way God does. We ought to pray to have such a compassionate heart that it compels us to action. So identify an area of your life that needs changed, where a dose of the righteous, divine, furious resolve of Jesus is the only thing that can do the trick. Where are you stuck? Are you emotionally distant from those you love? Pray for a heart to connect with those around you and make the effort. Maybe you're physically out of shape and it's taking a toll on your leadership. Pray for the motivation to be healthy in body, mind, and spirit, then take the first step necessary for improvement. Or, you could be spiritually disconnected from God. Pray for an insatiable hunger for His Word and watch Him give it to you and, then dive-in and engage!

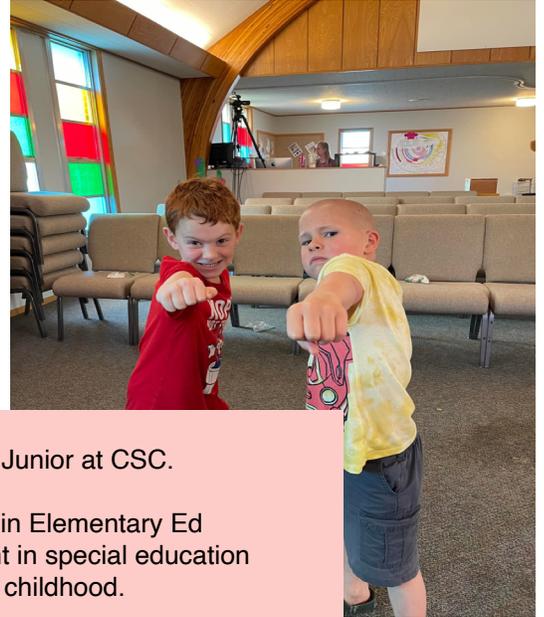
It's about time we get fed-up. You were not created to live a life held back by comfort. Let the same compassion of God that compels Him to action play-out in your own life as you seek to do the uncomfortable work required to be formed into His image. Bring it!



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