

The Gift

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COMPASSION

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Cultivating Compassion

Mark 6:34; Luke 7:13; Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 25:40

The Compassionate Life of Jesus Mark 6:34, Luke 7:13, Luke 23:34

Luke 7:13 – *“When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her...”*

- Mark 6:34 - Compassion for the crowds
- Luke 7:13 - Compassion for the suffering
 - “Saw” - to know, understand, recognize
- Luke 23:34 - Compassion for enemies

Put on the Compassionate Life of Jesus Colossians 3:12

Colossians 3:12 – *“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of **compassion**, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience”*

- Holy & Beloved
- The Garments of Grace

Cultivating the Compassionate Life of Jesus Matthew 25:40

Matthew 25:40 - *“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me.”*

- Begin with your neighbor (Pray and Go)
- Come alongside the “least of these” (Compassion International: Sponsor a child)
 - We have an opportunity to sponsor 250 children in extreme poverty in a similar region in Guatemala and tangibly display the compassion of God and the gospel itself. You can find more information and choose a child to sponsor at calvarylife.org/compassion

DIGGING DEEPER

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1 Preparation

If possible, find a quiet and comfortable place. Rid yourself of distractions such as your phone, television, school work, interruptions from others, etc. Open yourself to God and intend to learn from Him. *"Lord, here I am, I present myself to You. Open my heart to the truth of what is going on in my life."*

2 Read the Text: Mark 6:34, Luke 7:13, Luke 23:34; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 25:40

Read the texts a few times until you have a clear understanding of what the passages are saying.

3 Contemplate + Journal

Spend time thinking about and journaling your thoughts to the following questions. If you meet with a LifeGroup, you can also share your responses with them and have a great discussion.

- What is a word or phrase the Lord impressed on you in this time? Meditate or write some thoughts on that.
- Take a few moments and ask the Lord to help you examine your life during Covid. Ask the Lord, "Lord, does my 'tank of compassion' feel empty or full in this season? What do you want to say to me about this?"
- Ask the Lord, "Lord, what are some steps I can take with you in order to cultivate compassion in my life?" Invite the Lord to retrain your heart when it comes to compassion.
- Is there a specific situation in your life that relates to the passages and topic today? Take time to pray through this for a moment.

4 Praise + Worship

Worship is an act or mindset shift that realigns us to the reality of who God is. Find this song on Spotify, YouTube, AppleMusic, etc. and the lyrics if you would like to read or sing along. Make this song your prayer and declaration of praise and worship as you hear truths being sung over you. Allow the Lord to minister to your heart in this time.

Song Recommendation: "[Broken Vessels \(Amazing Grace\)](#)" by Hillsong

5 Closing Prayer

Spend some time in prayer. Whether it is simply sitting in God's loving presence, expressing thankfulness and gratitude, and/or offering up supplication, pray what is on your heart in this time.

6 Blessing

*May the Lord give you the gift of compassion as you do everything, in word or deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father **Colossians 3:17***

CHRISTMAS AT CALVARY



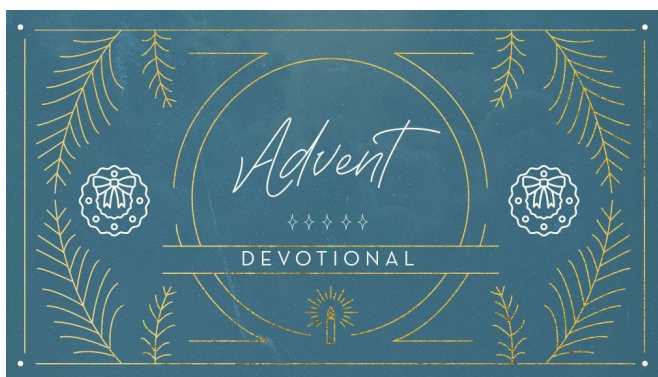
SPONSOR A CHILD

Prayerfully consider how you can help change the story for one child in need. Learn more about this opportunity at CalvaryLife.org/Child



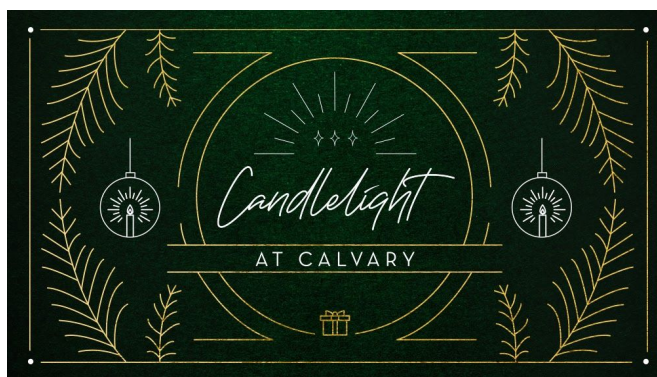
DECEMBER 13 at 4PM

Join us online for a Christmas carol singalong and a virtual tree lighting! Find ways to watch the livestream event at CalvaryLife.org/Sing



WEDNESDAYS at 7PM

Connect with Pastor Matt Doan for a LIVE midweek Advent Hour devotional on Calvary's Facebook + YouTube Channel. CalvaryLife.org/Advent



DECEMBER 23 & 24

With limited seating at each service, we want to make sure we save you a seat. Reserve your spots today on our App or visit CalvaryLife.org/RSVP

NEXT STEPS

Your Response Today: Do you want to take a next step in your faith, ask for prayer, or learn more about following Jesus? Take a moment to fill out our online connection card by texting "**Card**" to **970-00**

Connect with the Church Center App: Connect to life at Calvary, watch service live, view sermons on-demand, register for events, listen to our podcast, and so much more. Discover details at CalvaryLife.org/App

Family Activities: Find ways to help your kids grow through fun activities to build their faith each Sunday and throughout the week with great resources provided by Calvary Town at calvarylife.org/town

Find Help or Give Help: Do you need assistance or encouragement in this season? Or, do you want to get involved and be available to help others in need? Find ways to receive help or give help at calvarylife.org/help

Ways to Give: Your generosity and faithfulness is making a difference locally and globally! You can give today using the Offering Boxes available on campus or give online at calvarylife.org/give



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