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*When He looked out over the crowds, His heart broke. So confused and aimless they were, like sheep with no shepherd.*

*Matthew 9:36 - The Message Bible*



**HIS WORD TODAY**  
**THE JIMMY SERIES**  
**WORKBOOK 2**

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## HIS WORD TODAY – THE JIMMY SERIES

### WORKBOOK 2 – “COMPASSION IN ACTION”

*Based on James 1:27*

#### STEP 12 STATEMENT

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”

#### KEY SCRIPTURES

- **James 1:27** — “Pure and undefiled religion... is to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...”
- **Galatians 6:2** — “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”
- **Matthew 25:40** — “Whatever you did for one of the least of these... you did for Me.”
- **1 John 3:18** — “Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”
- **Luke 10:33–34** — “He had compassion... and went to him.”
- **James 2:8** — “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- **Proverbs 19:17** — “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord...”

#### THE HEART OF COMPASSION

Step 12 calls us to carry the message — not with speeches, but with presence. James teaches that true spirituality is not measured by what we know, but by how we **show up** for people in their trouble.

Real faith moves:

- from comfort to compassion
- from distance to presence
- from intention to action

Compassion is not a feeling.

It is a movement of the heart toward the suffering.



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## 1. Compassion Is Presence, Not Pity

**Scripture:** *James 1:27*

James does not say, “Think about the orphans.”

He says, “**Visit them.**”

Compassion is not sentiment — it is presence.

It is entering someone’s pain with humility and love.

**Key Idea:** Compassion is not what I feel — it is where I go.

### Reflection:

Who has God placed on my heart to “visit” emotionally or spiritually?

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What does presence look like in my relationships?

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Where is God inviting me to step toward someone instead of away?

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## 2. Compassion Is the First Language of Step 12

**Scripture:** *Galatians 6:2; Matthew 25:40*

Step 12 begins with carrying the message — and the message begins with compassion.

- Before we speak, we show up.
- Before we teach, we listen.
- Before we guide, we love.

**Key Idea:** People don't need my perfection — they need my presence.

### Reflection:

How has someone's compassion helped me heal?

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What does it look like to “bear another's burden”?

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### 3. Compassion Turns Healing Into Service

**Scripture:** *1 John 3:18; Luke 10:33–34*

The Good Samaritan didn't just feel compassion — he **moved** toward the hurting man. Recovery teaches us the same: our healing becomes someone else's hope when we act.

**Key Idea:** Compassion is the overflow of a healed and awakened heart.

**Reflection:**

How has God used my pain to help others?

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What part of my story could bring comfort to someone else?

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3. Why is presence more powerful than advice?

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4. What fears do you have about serving others?

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5. How can we grow as a community of compassion?

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**PRACTICAL NEXT STEPS:**

1. Pray daily for God to show you one person to serve.
2. Reach out to someone who has been on your heart.
3. Offer practical help to someone in need.
4. Practice listening without trying to fix.
5. Look for opportunities to “visit” someone in their trouble.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Lord,  
You have shown me compassion in my darkest moments.  
Now shape my heart to reflect Yours.

Teach me to show up for the hurting,  
to carry the message with humility,  
and to love with sincerity.

Let my presence be a reminder  
that no one walks alone.

In Jesus name I pray  
Amen.