



## DEAD RELIGION?

*"Biblical orthodoxy without compassion is surely the ugliest thing in the world."*  
Francis Schaeffer

## COMPASSION

Matthew 14:14 (NKJV) <sup>14</sup> And when Jesus went out **He saw** a great multitude; and He was **moved with compassion** for them, **and healed** their sick.

## THE ENGINE ROOM

***A passion for God, will lead to a great compassion for people.***  
***And a compassion for people will lead to a great passion for God.***

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*"The only thing worse than blindness, is having sight without vision."* Helen Keller

## PASSION VS COMPASSION

Mark 3:1–6 (NLT) <sup>1</sup> Jesus went into the synagogue again and **noticed a man with a deformed hand.** <sup>2</sup> Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus' enemies watched him closely. If he healed the man's hand,

## PASSION VS COMPASSION

*they planned to accuse him of working on the Sabbath. <sup>3</sup> Jesus said to the man with the deformed hand, "Come and stand in front of everyone." <sup>4</sup> Then he turned to his critics and asked,*



## PASSION VS COMPASSION

*<sup>6</sup> At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to kill Jesus.*



## PASSION VS COMPASSION

*"Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" But they wouldn't answer him.*



## GROWING IN PASSION

1. Focus!
2. Fire
3. First
4. False



## PASSION VS COMPASSION

*<sup>5</sup> He looked around at them angrily and was deeply saddened by their hard hearts. Then he said to the man, "Hold out your hand." So the man held out his hand, and it was restored!*



## WHY COMPASSION?

1. Deeper into God
2. Makes a way
3. Opens sluice gates
4. Next level faith



## BLIND EYES OPENED

Matthew 20:29–34 (NKJV) <sup>29</sup> Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by,



## BLIND EYES OPENED

<sup>34</sup> So **Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes**. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.



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cried out, saying, “**Have mercy on us**, O Lord, Son of David!” <sup>31</sup> Then the multitude warned them that **they should be quiet**; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord,



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Son of David!” <sup>32</sup> So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?” <sup>33</sup> They said to Him, “**Lord, that our eyes may be opened.**”

