

Jonah Bible Study  
March 2, 2016

Compassion sees the need, comes close and takes action.

Our compassionate God sees the need.

Our compassionate God comes near.

Our compassionate God takes action to help.

Our compassionate God tells us to wear our story.

Our next study is March 16. Please read Jonah 4 and Week 6, Days 1-3 of Jonah book.  
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**Jonah 3:9** Who knows? God may yet relent and **with compassion turn** from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” **10** When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

**Luke 6:36** **You must be compassionate**, just as your Father is compassionate.

**Ephesians 2:12** Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

**Mark 1:41** A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. **41 Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him.** “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” **42** Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.

**Mark 8:1** During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, **2** “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.

**Col 3:12** Clothe yourself **with compassion**.

**Matthew 9:35** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion on them**, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. **37** Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **38** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

**Luke 15:11** Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. **12** The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. **13** “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. **14** After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **16** He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**Luke 15:17** “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **18** I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ **20** So he got up and went to his father. “**But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.** **21** “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ **22** “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23** Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. **24** For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.