



Salt & Light

Matthew 5:13-16

Part 2



Our Mission:
spread God's grace and truth
person to person until there's
an epidemic of changed lives all
around this island!

Compassion Quotient



Impact List

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Influence & Impact

Salt

preserves

flavors

stimulates thirst



Light

Reveals reality

Gives guidance



Characteristics of the Christian who is going to be salt & light in the world this fall ...

1. The impact of AUTHENTICITY

2. The impact of COMPASSION

3. The impact of SACRIFICE



The impact of Compassion

“extraordinarily caring people”

~~Uncaring Christianity~~

oxymoron



Compassion

“to suffer together”

“feeling that arises when
you are confronted with
another’s suffering”

“when someone shows kindness, caring,
and a willingness to help others”



Compassion

a hallmark of genuine Christians



1. We have a compassionate God.

But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abounding in love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

Psalm 145:8-9



1. We have a compassionate God.

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10

2. Jesus was full of compassion.

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14

So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Matthew 20:34

2. Jesus was full of compassion.

And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.

Mark 6:34



3. As worshippers of God and followers of Jesus, we are called to be people of compassion.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, [compassion] kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

Colossians 3:12

When action-oriented compassion is absent in a Christian's life or in a church – it is a tell-tale sign that something is spiritually wrong.

When a Christian or a church is known for a clear and consistent demonstration of Christ-like love *it is a powerful magnet that pulls people toward Jesus.*



the Good Samaritan — Luke 10



Compassion Busters

- a selfish absorption in me and mine
- a settled complacency in my comfort zone
- an unhealthy pace of life



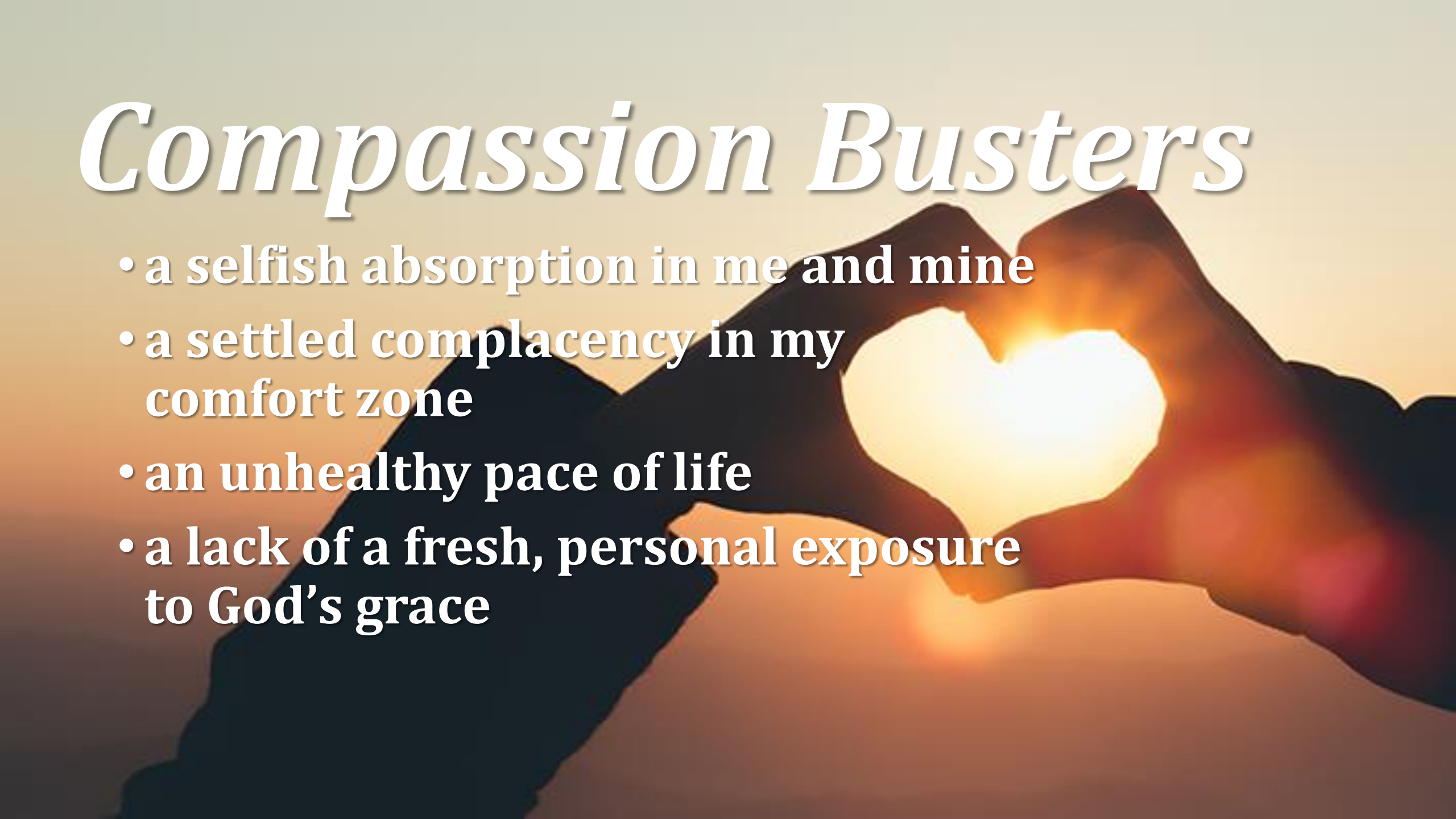
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Crisis Mode

People consistently living in crisis mode are generally not big distributors of compassion.

Compassion Busters

- a selfish absorption in me and mine
- a settled complacency in my comfort zone
- an unhealthy pace of life
- a lack of a fresh, personal exposure to God's grace



*And ye shall seek me, and find
me, when ye shall search for
me with all your heart.*

Jeremiah 29:13

