



## HEROES! – Be Like That!

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### Compassion – A Heart to Serve!

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A Man understands compassion calls him to serve others.

**Bible Verses:** I Samuel 16:7 (ESV); Colossians 3:12-13; I Samuel 30:4-16; I Samuel 30:21-25; Philippians 3:10-14; Matthew 25:37-40; Luke 10:25-37; Galatians 6:2; Matthew 11:28-30

Video: A college student and a minister answer each other's prayers

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/a-college-student-and-a-minister-answer-each-others-prayers/>

**Music:** Try A Little Kindness - Glen Campbell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaCBTSQZq1E>

**Resources:** (1) *Heroes Wanted – Why the World Needs You to Live Your Heart Out* - Rodney D. Bullard; (2) *Reflections on the Life of David - Leap Over a Wall- Earthy Spirituality for Everyday Christians* – by Eugene Peterson (3) *The Sacred Romance – Closer to the Heart of God* by John Eldredge

### Heroes – Be Like That - Compassion!

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## Bible Verses – The Message

**I Samuel 16:7 (ESV)** - <sup>7</sup> But God told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face; God looks into the heart."

**Colossians 3:12-13** - <sup>12</sup> So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. <sup>13</sup> Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you.

**I Samuel 30:4-16** - <sup>4</sup> David and his men burst out in loud wails - wept and wept until they were exhausted with weeping. <sup>5</sup> David's two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail widow of Nabal of Carmel, had been taken prisoner along with the rest. <sup>6</sup> And suddenly David was in even worse trouble. There was talk among the men, bitter over the loss of their families, of stoning him. <sup>7</sup> He ordered Abiathar the priest, son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the Ephod so I can consult God." Abiathar brought it to David. <sup>8</sup> Then David prayed to God, "Shall I go after these raiders? Can I catch them?" The answer came, "Go after them! Yes, you'll catch them! Yes, you'll make the rescue!" <sup>9</sup> David went, he and the six hundred men with him. They arrived at the Brook Besor, where some of them dropped out. <sup>10</sup> David and four hundred men kept up the pursuit, but two hundred of them were too fatigued to cross the Brook Besor, and stayed there. <sup>11</sup> Some who went on came across an Egyptian in a field and took him to David. They gave him bread and he ate. And he drank some water. <sup>12</sup> They gave him a piece of fig cake and a couple of raisin muffins. Life began to revive in him. He hadn't eaten or drunk a thing for three days and nights! <sup>13</sup> David said to him, "Who do you belong to? Where are you from?" <sup>14</sup> We had raided the Negev of the Kerethites, of Judah, and of Caleb. Ziklag we burned." <sup>15</sup> David asked him, "Can you take us to the raiders?" "Promise me by God," he said, "that you won't kill me or turn me over to my old master, and I'll take you straight to the raiders." <sup>16</sup> He led David to them. They were scattered all over the place, eating and drinking, gorging themselves on all the loot they had plundered from Philistia and Judah.

**I Samuel 30:21-25** - <sup>21</sup> Then David came to the two hundred who had been too tired to continue with him and had dropped out at the Brook Besor. They came out to welcome David and his band. As he came near he called out, "Success!" <sup>22</sup> But all the mean-spirited men who had marched with David, the rabble element, objected: "They didn't help in the rescue, they don't get any of the plunder we recovered. Each man can have his wife and children, but that's it. Take them and go!" <sup>23</sup> "Families don't do this sort of thing! Oh no, my brothers!" said David as he broke up the argument. "You can't act this way with what God gave us! God kept us safe. He handed over the raiders who attacked us. <sup>24</sup> Who would ever listen to this kind of talk? The share of the one who stays with the gear is the share of the one who fights - equal shares. Share and share alike!" <sup>25</sup> From that day on, David made that the rule in Israel - and it still is.

**Philippians 3:10-14** - <sup>10</sup> I gave up all that inferior stuff so I could know Christ personally, experience his resurrection power, be a partner in his suffering, and go all the way with him to death itself.

<sup>11</sup> If there was any way to get in on the resurrection from the dead, I wanted to do it. <sup>12</sup> I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. <sup>13</sup> Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward - to Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

**Matthew 25:37-40** - <sup>37</sup> Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink?' <sup>38</sup> And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?' <sup>39</sup> <sup>40</sup> Then the King will say, 'I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me - you did it to me.'

**Luke 10:25-37** - <sup>25</sup> Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus. "Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?" <sup>27</sup> He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence - and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself." <sup>28</sup> "Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live." <sup>29</sup> Looking for a loophole, he asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead.

<sup>31</sup> Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. <sup>32</sup> Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man. <sup>33</sup> "A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. <sup>34</sup> He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. <sup>35</sup> In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill - I'll pay you on my way back.' <sup>36</sup> "What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?" <sup>37</sup> "The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded. Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

**Galatians 6:2** - <sup>2</sup> Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed. Share their burdens, and so complete Christ's law.

**Matthew 11:28-30** - <sup>28</sup> "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

<sup>29</sup> Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. <sup>30</sup> Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

### "Try A Little Kindness"

Glenn Campbell

If you see your brother standing by the road  
With a heavy load from the seeds he sowed  
And if you see your sister falling by the way  
Just stop and say you're goin' the wrong way  
You've got to try a little kindness yes show a little kindness  
Yes shine your light for everyone to see  
And if you'll try a little kindness and you'll overlook the blindness

Of the narrow minded people on the narrow minded streets  
  
Don't walk around the down and out lend a helping hand instead of  
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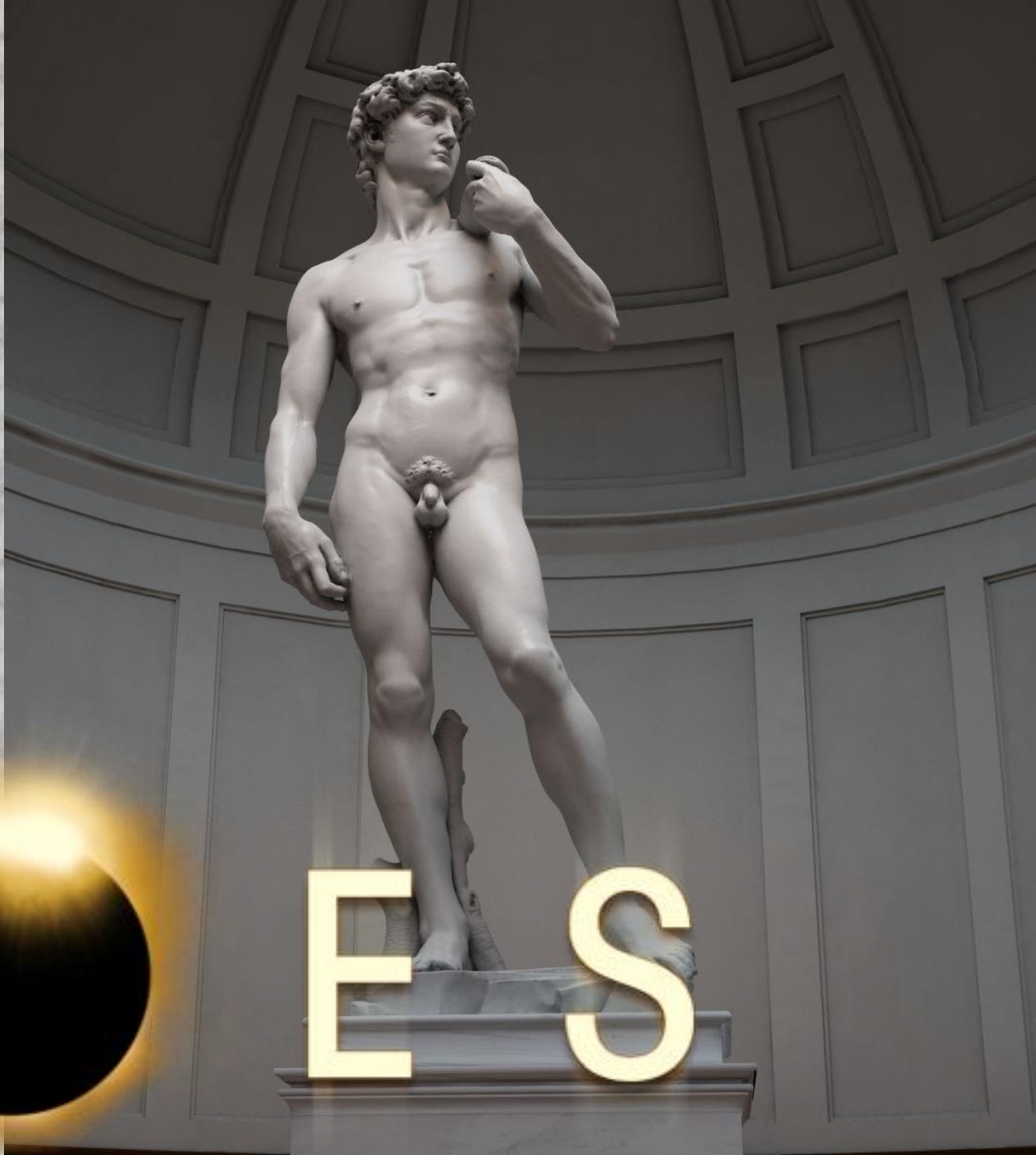
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