

# 3 for 3

## Rest, Compassion, Joy

(part #4)

### “Tattooed On The Heart!”

**Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)**

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. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

### \*Where Have All The S\_\_\_\_\_ Gone?

**Compassion is too Inconvenient...too Costly**  
**So Compassion is IN CRISIS!**

“If there is a fundamental challenge within these stories, it is simply to change our lurking suspicion that some lives matter less than other lives.”—**Gregory J. Boyle**

**Jonah 1** **The word of the LORD came to Jonah** <sup>2</sup>“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup>But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port...to flee from the LORD. <sup>17</sup>Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. **Jonah 2** From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God...And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. **Jonah 3** **Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time:** Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”—**Colossians 3:12**

“Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”—**Isaiah 30:18**

“As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.”

—**James 5:11**

“As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;”—**Psalms 103:13**

“The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.”  
—**Psalms 145:9**

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”—**2 Cor. 1:3-4**

**Jonah 3** <sup>3</sup>Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. <sup>10</sup>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. **Jonah 4** But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. <sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, <sup>11</sup>“should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

“There is no force in the world better able to alter anything from its course than love...Love has the power to melt you. It doesn’t melt who you are but who you are not.”—**Gregory Boyle**

**Shepherds Are In Short Supply...**

\*Will You Be A S\_\_\_\_\_?

\*Will You Join Into “The S\_\_\_\_\_ Work Of God”?

\*Don’t Be A J\_\_\_\_\_!

# JOIN US TODAY

Sunday, October 1st, 2017

Opening

THE LION AND THE LAMB

Welcome

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME  
SPLINTERS AND STONES

Prayer

Offering

GRACIOUS TEMPEST

Message

"TATTOOED ON THE HEART!"

Pastor Dean Ward

PART 4 OF OUR CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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REST COMPASSION JOY

## GIVING BACK TO GOD

Giving back to God, cheerfully and sacrificially, is part of our worship. It's our way of putting God first in our finances and supporting the mission of The River throughout the year. The combined totals for both The River New Kensington and The River New Heights are listed.

\$7,150.00 Needed Weekly	Attendance
September 3rd	237
September 10th	241
September 17th	260
September 24th	241

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This Week		Next Week	
Sunday October 1	Services 9:30am & 11:15am	Sunday October 8	Services 9:30am & 11:15am Child Dedication Both Services Sonward Volunteer Orientation 1pm
Wednesday October 4	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm Sonward Action Bible Study 6:30-8pm	Wednesday October 11	The River's Edge Youth Group 6-8pm Wednesday Night Live 6:30-8pm Sonward Action Bible Study 6:30-8pm
Like! us on Facebook		Thursday October 12	MOEs 9:30-11:30am

OCTOBER 21

KIDS CLOSET PUBLIC EVENT 10AM-1PM  
@ THE RIVER NEW KENSINGTON



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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!

Family ♦ Fellowship ♦ Faith

BRING THE KIDS! Nursery & Preschool programs are available

SMALL GROUPS FOR GROWING IN FAITH  
6:30-8pm

**Sonward**  
Changing a community

**ACTION BIBLE STUDY**  
GEARED FOR PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8PM

Beginning Sept 13th



- VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PREPARE/SERVE/CLEAN UP DINNER FROM 6-6:30PM AND FOR TUTORING & HOMEWORK HELP FROM 5-6PM.
- VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR MENTORING SUPPORT DURING THE BIBLE TEACHING TIME FROM 6:30-8PM.
- WEEKLY FOOD DONATIONS FOR A SIMPLE HOT MEAL. DINNER WILL BE FOR KIDS, SONWARD STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS ONLY.

**RIVER'S EDGE**  
YOUTH GROUP  
Wednesdays 6-8pm

Open to youth grades 7-12  
Youth Pastor Brian Baker 724-594-7394  
Every 2nd and 4th Sunday, the youth are encouraged to attend the 11:15 service. After the offering song, the youth will go into the Youth Room for their lesson.