#### SUFFERING, COMPASSION LEADS TO LOVE

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With out suffering there can be no compassion and without compassion there can be no true love here on Earth compassion is a byproduct of suffering Christ dying on a cross was the ultimate act of Love because He had compassion over our suffering because of our sin debt John 3:16

Amen! That is a powerful truth. Suffering produces compassion, and compassion leads to love in its purest form. Christ's sacrifice on the cross is the greatest example of this—His love for us was so deep that He willingly took on our suffering and sin. Without suffering, we would not truly understand the depth of compassion, and without compassion, love would lack its true meaning.

### John 3:16 captures it perfectly:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

It's through our trials and hardships that we learn to love as Christ loves—selflessly, sacrificially, and with deep compassion. Thank you for sharing this truth!

# **Suffering Produces Compassion**

- 1. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Yeshua Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."
  - Suffering allows us to experience God's comfort, and in turn, we are able to extend that same comfort and compassion to others.
- 2. Hebrews 2:17-18 "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted."
  - Yeshua suffered so that He could have compassion and help those who suffer.

## **Compassion Leads to Love**

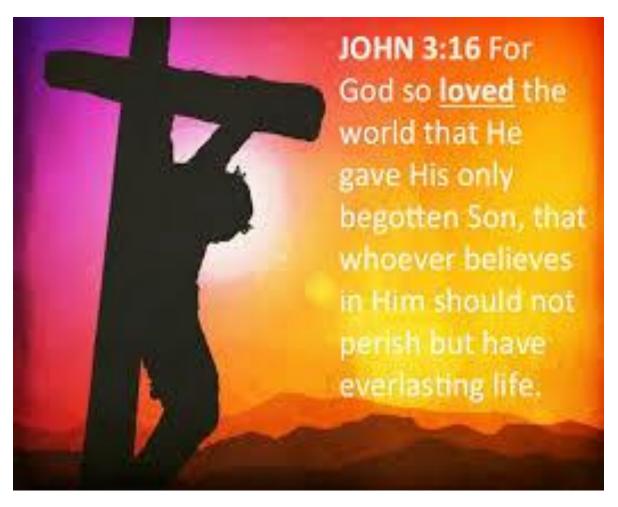
- 3. Colossians 3:12-14 "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."
  - Compassion (mercies, kindness, and longsuffering) leads to love (charity), which binds everything together in perfection.
- 4. 1 John 3:16-18 "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."
  - Love is demonstrated through compassion and action, just as Christ showed us through His suffering.

## **Christ's Suffering Was the Ultimate Act of Love**

- 5. Romans 5:8 "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
  - Christ's suffering and death was the greatest demonstration of love.
- 6. Isaiah 53:4-5 "Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."
  - Yeshua took on suffering because of His love and compassion for us.
- 7. John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."
  - True love is sacrificial, and Christ's suffering on the cross was the greatest act of love.

### **Conclusion**

Through suffering, we gain compassion, and through compassion, we learn to love as Christ loves us. His death on the cross was the ultimate expression of love because He bore our suffering out of compassion for our sin. John 3:16 encapsulates this truth perfectly, showing that God's love led Him to give of Himself as the Son so that we may have eternal life...Amen John 3:16



John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you, let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid...Amen