

DAY
4

When the Christmas season ends and the new year begins, it's easy to forget about the most miraculous gift of all time. Think about what you will do to keep the momentum going in the upcoming year to continue putting compassion into action on a regular basis.

We never reach a time when we can "check off" showing compassion to others and move on with our lives. It's something God wants us to do for our whole lives.

Think about the impact you could have on a hurting and broken world over a lifetime if you lived out God's calling to love others!

Remember, He can use anyone, *even you*, to meet others' needs by living a life characterized by the compassion of Jesus.



COMPASSION



DAY
1

READ 1 JOHN 4:9-12

In these verses, John tells us that we can know that Jesus truly lives in our hearts by the way we love others. His love for us changes us from the inside out and gives us the ability to love others.

John doesn't use the word "compassion" in these verses, but it's hidden in there, isn't it? Compassion for others is our response to God's compassionate love for us. Our compassion for others flows from a heart of gratitude that is enabled to love others with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Make a sign to hang in your room with the following reminder:

GOD'S COMPASSION FOR ME → MY COMPASSION FOR OTHERS





DAY 2

If you have been putting your compassion calendar into action, you've probably realized by now that showing compassion is not always easy.

In fact, sometimes it's downright hard!

Being compassionate is not in our nature.

Pray that God would continue to transform your heart to give you a real and genuine love for others so that when you are putting compassion into action, you aren't just doing it because it's the "right thing to do."

You are doing it because you understand that God has called you to love others because of His unconditional love for you.

DAY 3

Talk to a trusted adult today, one you know has been walking with Jesus for a while, and ask them to tell you about how God has been transforming their heart since they first trusted in Him for their salvation.

Is showing compassion to others any easier for them now than it used to be? Why or why not?

Then, talk about these questions together:

- Do you think you will ever get to the point where you love others perfectly all the time? Why or why not?
- Why do think God planned it this way?



PRAY
TO GOD



TALK
ABOUT GOD

