

# ELEMENTAL

Compassion: 2 Samuel 9:1-11 ESV

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*John 13:35, Luke 7:13, Ephesians 4:32 NIV*

*Colossians 3:12, Psalm 112:4 NLT, 1 Samuel 20:13-15*

## I. **Compassionate People Give Gifts!**

*Psalm 15:4 NLT*

### **How to become a compassionate person:**

1. Keep your word.
2. Learn to love unconditionally.

Unconditional love just looks for an opportunity to express itself.

Grace is giving something to someone who doesn't earn it and can't repay it.

## II. **Compassionate People Take Risks.**

*2 Samuel 16:3, 2 Samuel 19:25-28, 2 Samuel 19:30*

David had to take the risk of facing some complexity, because he was so compassionate.

"Kindness is the language the deaf can hear and the blind can read." Mark Twain

## III. **Compassionate People Take Action.**

### **Practical lessons on expressing compassion:**

1. Compassion is more than just words or feelings.

Compassion isn't just making a promise or feeling sorry for somebody. It's expressing deeds of mercy and kindness.  
*James 2:15-17*

2. Compassion is more than reacting – it seeks out needs.

Compassion does more than just respond to obvious needs; it looks for opportunities.

Compassion is looking for needs that others overlook. *2 Peter 1:5-9*

3. Compassion is more than giving money; it is building relationships.

*Psalm 112:4 NLT, John 13:35*

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## **Five for the Drive**

### **A family conversation starter for the ride home**

1. Has someone ever been compassionate towards you? If so, what did they do?
2. What are qualities of compassionate people?
3. How is compassion more than words and feelings, reacting to a need, or giving money?
4. What obstacles and risks get in the way of being compassionate? How do you overcome them?
5. If compassion is giving something to someone who can't earn or repay the grace shown, how can you show compassion this week?

## **Ministry Opportunities**

for more information about these and other events, go to  
[SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events)

### **Drama Team Open House**

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9**

**Room 204**

The Drama Team welcomes all adults (18+) to an open house. These actors perform in short worship dramas, summer dinner theaters, Christmas productions and “The Journey.” No prior acting experience or auditions are necessary. Dinner will be provided.

### **Beth Moore “Living Proof” Live Simulcast**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 13**

**Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Ladies, join women around the world for this inspiring live simulcast with Beth Moore, speaker and author of best-selling Bible studies and other books for women. Beth's mission is to guide women to a richer, more fulfilling relationship with God. Why? Because the Word of God is real, alive and life-changing. Purchase your \$8 ticket for this live simulcast at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) or at a Connection Kiosk by Thursday, Sept. 11.

### **Bumper Bag Weekend**

**Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 – 14**

Our Lighthouse ministry provides food, household supplies and clothing to those in need in our community. Choose compassion by leaving non-perishable food, coupons and household supplies in a bag at the bumper of your car on Bumper Bag weekends, the second weekend of each month. Suggested donations include canned food, sugar, cereal, condiments, crackers, hygiene products, and dish and laundry detergents.

### **Next Steps Classes**

**Fireside room just off the lobby**

Want to find out more about Savannah Christian Church? Come to Next Steps, a set of three classes that will walk you through what our church believes and how to get fully connected in our community. You'll learn how you can grow in your faith here. We will also help you identify and find ways to use your God-given gifts and abilities. These classes take place the first, second and third Wednesday and weekend of each month.