



**May 29-June 4, 2016**  
**Texts: Luke 10:25-37**  
**SPRING 2016 SERIES:**  
**The Christian and Spiritual Gifts**

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**RELATED BIBLE PASSAGES FOR THE COMING WEEK** [The Bible readings this week highlight some the mercy/compassionate character of God.]

*Monday, May 30* – **Matthew 9:35-39** [This passage is a great summary of Jesus’ ministry. He taught, proclaimed God’s kingdom, and healed. He was moved by compassion. He also prayed for His followers to be His workers, likewise motivated by compassion for others.]

*Tuesday, May 31* – **II Chronicles 30:1-12** [Hezekiah, King of Judah, was a good king, following the Lord unlike many predecessors. He reinstated the Passover and even invited the Israel tribes from the north, now under Assyria control. He bases his appeal on the compassionate nature of God (v.9). Unfortunately, few of the rebellious Israelites concurred.]

*Wednesday, June 1* – **Matthew 18:21-35** [In this parable Jesus is not only emphasizing our need to forgive others as God has forgiven us. He also wants us to be so touched by God’s compassion and mercy to us that we show mercy and compassion to others.]

*Thursday, June 2* – **Psalms 103** [This psalm celebrates the goodness of God towards His people. A major recurring theme is God’s compassion (mercy), referred to in vv. 4, 8, and 13.]

*Friday, June 3* - **Luke 1:67-80** [As Zechariah prophesied about John the Baptist heralding the coming of the Messiah, he emphasizes (vv. 72, 78) God’s mercy/compassion in sending Messiah to us.]

*Saturday, June 4* – **Jonah 4** [Although Jonah finally obeyed God and went to Nineveh and preached repentance he was upset that the Ninevites actually repented and God did not bring judgment. Chapter 4 highlights the compassion (mercy) of God in contrast to Jonah’s lack of any compassion.]



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