



# KNOWING GOD

**God is Compassionate.** Pastor Shawn, Aug 3, 2025

*“The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.”*

*Psalm 116:5*

## What do we mean, when we say God is “Compassionate”?

To say that God is compassionate means that He sees our pain, is moved by it, and responds with mercy and help. Compassion isn't just a feeling God has—it's part of His unchanging character. It's not occasional or conditional; it's who He is.

*“And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, ‘The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.’” Exodus 34:6*

## The first time God describes His own character in detail.

- He starts with “**compassionate**” (Hebrew: *rachum*)—a word that reflects deep emotional mercy and mother-like care. “Rachum” isn’t just pity. It’s: “momma bear”
  - **Visceral** – a gut-level, emotional response.
  - **Relational** – flowing from love and connection, not obligation.
  - **Active** – God *does something* about our pain; He doesn’t just feel it.

## Attribute of God: His Compassion for the broken-hearted and poor

Jesus wasn’t only concerned with souls—He cared for bodies, hunger, and human struggle. His compassion moved Him to feed, heal, and restore.

## What does it mean for us to worship a compassionate God?

1. **God sees us** – In our suffering, loneliness, sin, or failure, God doesn’t turn away. He draws near.

*“The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.” Psalm 34:18*

*“I have seen their misery... I am concerned... I have come down to rescue them.” Exodus 3:7*

2. **God feels with us** – He is not distant; He cares about what we go through.

*“A funeral procession was coming out as he approached the village gate. The young man who had died was a widow’s only son, and a large crowd from the village was with her.*

*When the Lord saw her, his heart overflowed with compassion.” Luke 7:12-13*

3. **God acts to help us** – He intervenes through grace, healing, provision, and—ultimately—in sending Jesus to rescue us.

*“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” Matthew 9:36*

*“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate...” Joel 2:13*

4. **God calls us to reflect His Compassion**

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion...”

*Colossians 3:12*

*“If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God’s love be in that person?” 1 John 3:17*

## APPLICATION:

- Trust God with your wounds: He **sees**, He **knows**, and He **cares**.
- Ask God to give you **His eyes** for those hurting around you.