

Compassion

What makes us love one another? What do you see when you look at your brothers and sisters? What goes off in you when you see them? You have love. Why? Well, true, His love has been poured out in our hearts, but how do you love them? What makes you love your brother? When we embrace one another every morning and evening, what goes off in you — in your compassion, or mercy, or something? Did something go off in you when you looked at them and hugged them? You have love. Why do you have love?

You yourself know that you are going through certain things and weaknesses and your brothers and sisters love you, they forbear with you on that. You know how it feels. You just want someone to forbear with you and know what you are going through and the sufferings you are enduring, the weaknesses and temptations you suffer with. When you look at your brother or sister and you realize that the same things are going on in them too, the bowels of your compassion are stimulated to love your brother or sister. You look at them, and you love one another, knowing they are going through the same things you are going through. So you want to forbear in love. There is a really wonderful emotion of compassion that goes off in us if we are weak ourselves, making us want to forbear with our brothers and sisters.

It is by the Spirit that we love. It is not just by knowledge. It is by the Spirit that we love. I know, I see you, I know you are going through certain things, you have certain things in your life (we all do) — certain sins, certain strongholds in your life. It really sets off your compassion to know that your brother is going through things and he is enduring. We know our brother's inadequacies, we know his imperfections, we know how he is, but we know that our Father is changing him little by little — but not too quickly, because then I would not have to forbear with him, if our Father had changed him too quickly. Then I would not have to love him in the way that he is.

We know how each other are and we forbear with one another in the ways that we are. I know that I can hug my brother and appreciate him for his long-suffering and enduring and not giving up when he probably thought about giving up a thousand times over the last 15 or 20

years. But we have not given up and we are not going to give up. We are going to continue on like our Master did and our Father is going to change us. And my brother will start recognizing those things in him that are not like our Master. Others may see it, but he does not see it yet — he is not able to judge himself perfectly yet, so therefore we forbear with him. Certain people are going through struggles within themselves. We can look at each other with compassion and mercy and forbear with one another in love — in love with one another. Forbear in love — *in* love. Forbear because we love. If you love you can forbear. If you are in love, you can forbear. We can forgive.

If you can read, you know that because He Himself, in His humanity, has suffered in being tempted, tested and tried, He is able to run to the aid of those who are being tempted and tested and tried. He was exposed to all kinds of suffering. We have to go through suffering. He went through suffering and we have to go through suffering. Our Master went through death in order to deliver us and put an end to Satan's final authority. He went through death from start to finish. He is not ashamed to call us brothers because we go through things every day. Your brother is going through certain things that you do not even know about, but by the Spirit you know that something is going on and you have compassion. Because we know that if he is a child of God, he is going *through it*. Only those who are not the children of God, who are here in pretense, never go through things. They belong to the evil one already. So it is only the children of God that go through the suffering, so therefore the children of God can have compassion and mercy and forbearance and overlook. That is how we are going to make it — what our Master prayed for — is by love.

Grace: I know that's what's going to cause us to make it is that love, that compassion. It increases my faith so much when I see the compassion of our Father shown in my brothers' and sisters' lives.

I heard about Paratz in Bellows Falls having trouble. He is so righteous when he sees the inadequacy in the leaders and things of that nature. He does not know that is what brings rebellion out in the people — the sin that is in the leaders. So it shows where he is at. He thinks the problems there are the head's fault and he keeps going to the head because it's the head's

fault. He keeps going to find out who the head is. And if he keeps going, he is going to get to Messiah and he is going to blame Him. You better look at yourself first.

It is just like out here [in Manasseh]. This tribe had more inadequate people trying to raise up a tribe. We are all inadequate, but our Father is restoring us, He is not through with us. Most of us have problems — especially ruling our children. And if you cannot rule your children, then you have problems ruling your household. And that is who He has out here: Abel, Nehemiah, Hakam, earlier Yathed, Yonah — everyone who has had a problem about that in the past. But He is restoring them, and our children are going to be saved. We offered them up to our God and gave them over to the Body, did we not? Certainly we did. We did it in faith and confidence. And who were we anyway? Well, the most rotten people who have ever lived on the face of the earth. That is who we are — from the most horrible backgrounds, the most indignant, disobedient, disrespectful people who have ever lived on the face of the earth, who hated and despised authority — everything that God is not, we were. That is who He has chosen. So we better start thinking good about one another and have hope for one another because He is going to save us. He is in the business of saving people — that is His job. And we are going to give Him the opportunity to save us. We are not going to rebel against Him. He is going to work a great miracle here in this tribe. He is going to show what salvation really is. He is not expecting us to be perfect, knowing we have come out of the world.