

Be Compassionate

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Exodus 22:16-31

One of my favorite scriptures—one I never knew was my favorite!—is Romans 12:1. Sometimes it works that way for me. I read a verse hundreds of times, and then one day read it in a new Bible version, and it opens my eyes to a deeper meaning of the text. With that particular verse, I needed to read it in The Message before it really grabbed me. That version simply states that we are to give to God our “everyday, ordinary life”—our “sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life.”

Everything we do as believers is a spiritual act of worship. Part of walking with God is offering ourselves as living sacrifices to him.

If this is the truth in my life, how can I look at others without compassion? When life is lived as a sacrifice to God compassion for others is simply part of the deal. God can transform our minds and our hearts so that not only do we act accordingly when faced with someone who needs our help, but that we actively seek out opportunities to show compassion to others.

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