

SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

Transforming Lives Expanding His Kingdom

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SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH
TRANSFORMING Lives · EXPANDING His Kingdom

THE "LOVE" CHAPTER

1 Corinthians 13



SSMC VISION



● TRANSFORMING LIVES ●
● EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM ●

Matthew 9:35-38



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- 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.***
- 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.***
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Gospel of Matthew

**Genealogy, Birth,
Baptism, Temptation
Matt chps 1-4**

**Sermon on the Mount :
Teaching & Preaching
Matt Chp 5-7**

**Healing & Deliverance
Matt Chps 8 & 9**

Matt 9:35-38

**Sending out the 12
Disciples
Matt Chp 10 ...**

Jesus Ministering Alone >>

Disciples Empowered

Transforming Lives, Expanding His Kingdom

*9:35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, **TEACHING** in their synagogues, **PREACHING** the good news of the kingdom and **HEALING** every disease and sickness...*

*4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, **TEACHING** in their synagogues, **PREACHING** the good news of the kingdom, and **HEALING** every disease and sickness among the people.*

- **TEACHING, PREACHING & HEALING ...**
- **Jesus alone was doing it...**

v³⁶ *When He saw the crowds,...*

❖ Jesus & Disciples both saw the SAME CROWD...

The disciples 'saw'

People who were

➤ **Dirty, hungry, noisy ...**

➤ **Sick, disfigured,
smelly**

➤ **Burden,
inconvenience,
trouble....**

Jesus 'SAW'

People who were ...

➤ **God's creation ...**

➤ **God's image bearers...**

➤ **Harassed...**

➤ **Helpless...**

➤ **Hopeless...**

TRANSFORMING LIVES...

v36 When He saw the crowds,...

In order for Lives to be Transformed

➤ **The Lives of people near & dear to us ...**

1. We Must See As Jesus Saw

We must see - with the eyes of Jesus ...

- through the eyes of Jesus ...

➤ **See the people's**

↪ **true state ...**

↪ **true condition ...**

↪ **true need & situation ...**



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

v36 When He saw the crowds,...

BUT in order for Lives to be Transformed

➤ **We must Start with our own Lives...**

We must see ourselves ...

↪ **with the eyes of Jesus ...**

↪ **through the eyes of Jesus ...**

Jesus ...

↪ **SEES our true state...**

↪ **KNOWS our true condition**

↪ **CARES about our true need & situation**



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

***36 When he SAW the crowds,
he had COMPASSION on them...***

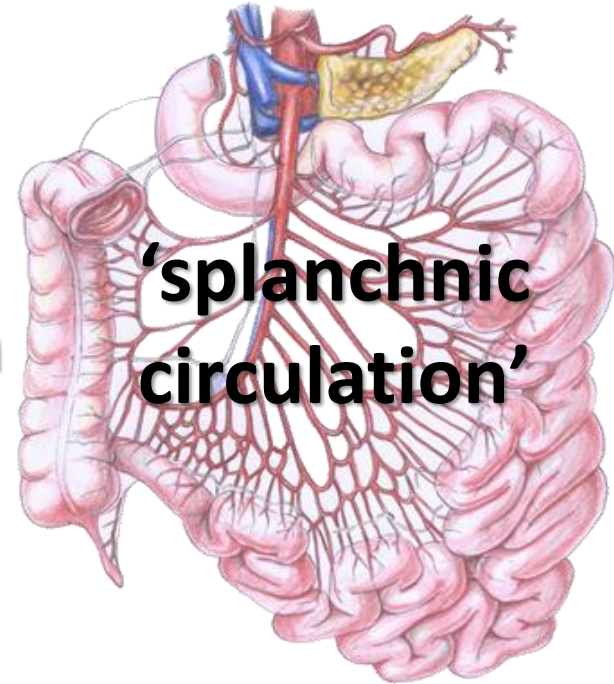
1. We Must See As Jesus Saw

2. We Must Feel As Jesus Felt

Jesus FELT “COMPASSION” for them

– Gk word : *splagchnizomai*

– *‘to be stirred in your insides,
deeply moved in your guts,
moved to the point that you have to
do something’*



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

- 36** *When he SAW the crowds,
he had COMPASSION on them,
because they were harassed and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.*
- **Jesus felt “COMPASSION” for them because...**
 - Harassed, Distressed, Weary, Troubled,
Confused...
 - Helpless, Dispirited, Cast Away...
 - Hopeless, Clueless, Lost ...



36 ... *like sheep without a shepherd...*

Many Old Testament ref:

- **2 Chr 18:16**
- **1 Kings 22:17**
- **Jer 10:21, 23:1-2**
- **Eze 34**



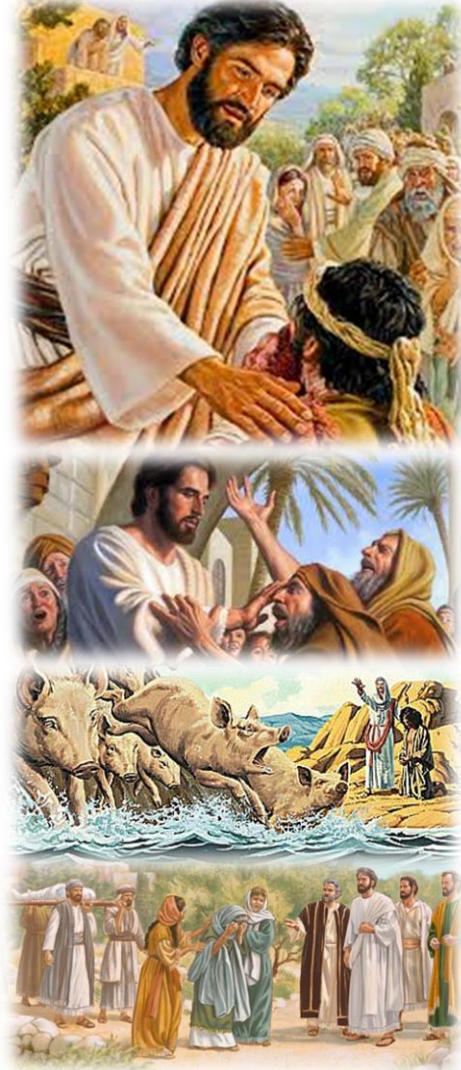
**TRANSFORMING
LIVES**

COMPASSION results in ACTION

Used 77 x in the Bible...

63 x in the Old Testament

- **Feeding 5K & 4K : Matt 14:14, 15:32**
- **Healing : Leper - Mk 1:41,
Blind- Matt 20:34**
- **Deliverance : Mk 5:19**
- **Dead : Lk 7:13**
- **Parables : Good Samaritan, Prodigal Son**



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

36 When he SAW the crowds, he had COMPASSION on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

- **The Disciples & Jesus SAW the same Crowd**
- **Yet apparently only Jesus FELT the COMPASSION**

Question : WHY ?

**Answer : Jesus saw them as they
really were...**

**❖ May we have
the COMPASSION of Christ**



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

So we must...

1. SEE as Jesus SAW ...

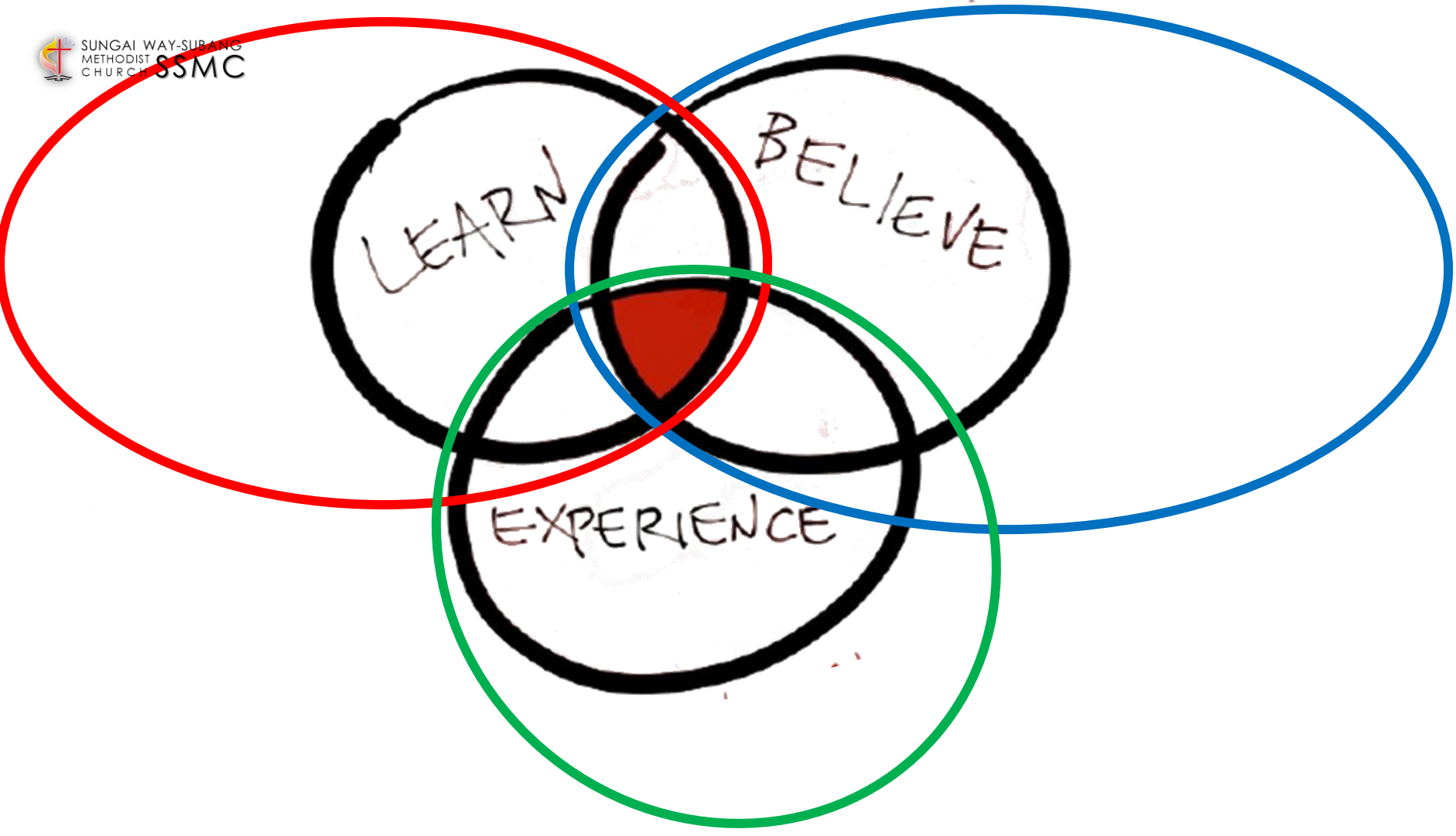
➤ **People in need**

➤ **Starting with ourselves**

2. FEEL as Jesus FELT...

➤ **With Compassion & Love ...**





PRINCETON
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY



- 40 students
- Impromptu talk...
- Half on the Good Samaritan parable & the other half on career concerns....
- Walk from Hall A to Hall B...
- Along the walk

I am going to make 3 Statements :

1st: “Millions of people around the world are going to hell.”

2nd : “Most of us sitting here today don’t give a ‘damn’ about that.”

3rd : “Most, if not all of you are more concerned that I, your pastor, said the word ‘damn’ from the pulpit than you are about the millions going to hell.”



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

Unless we see as Jesus saw....



We cannot feel as Jesus felt



Expanding His Kingdom

Seeing ... as Jesus saw ...

Feeling ... as Jesus felt ...

What next ??

How should we response ??

If you are like me ...

We expect to DO SOMETHING

↪ to Help someone

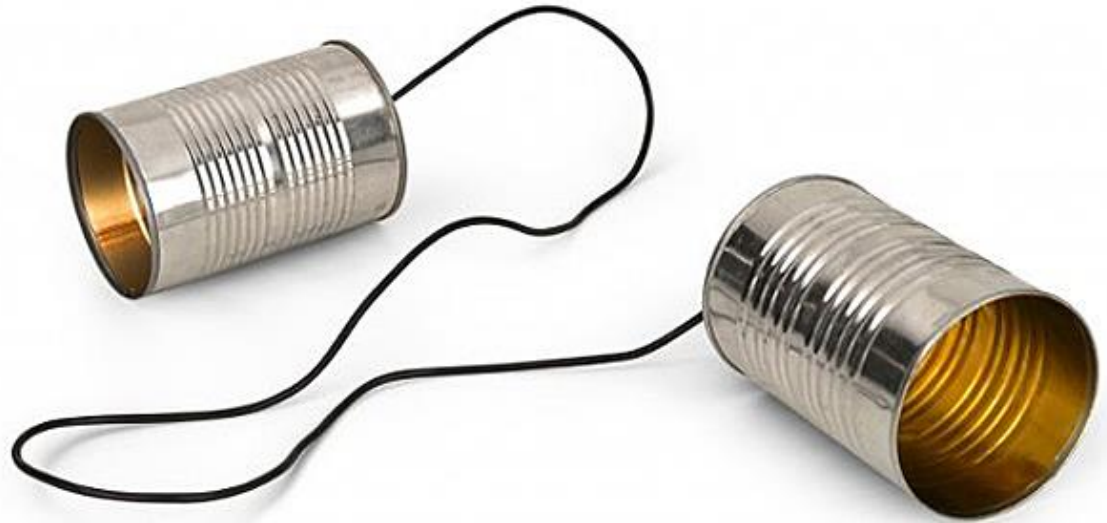
↪ to Give

↪ to Care for something



***‘Before we can have the
COMPASSION of Jesus,
we must have the CONNECTION
with the Father that Jesus has...’***

Quote



***37 Then he said to his disciples,
"The harvest is plentiful
but the workers are few.***

***38 Ask the Lord of the harvest,
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into his harvest field."***

Ask !!

Pray, Beseech, Request, Supplicate...

EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

1. We Must See As Jesus Saw

2. We Must Feel As Jesus Felt

**We are not to rush in to do something...
anything...**

3. We Must ASK our Lord ...

PRAY to GOD, our Commanding Officer...

Q: Why must we do this ?



EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

Two very important considerations :

1. He is the Lord of the Harvest

2. It is His Harvest field, not mine, not yours

That is why we must

• Ask / Pray...

Seek His guidance on ...

↻ Where ...

↻ Who ...

↻ When ...

↻ How...

EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

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Sometimes we forget

God is OMNIPOTENT

able to do all things ...

He can choose to reveal himself ...

even to people not seeking Him ...

Ref Isa 65:1, Rom 10:20

Eg : thru Dreams & Visions....

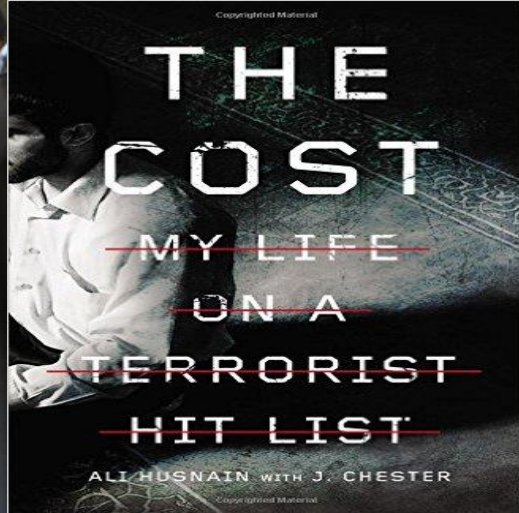




appearing to a Muslim family in the refugee camps



appearing to a bedridden Muslim mom



in a boat of Muslim refugees crossing a stormy Aegean Sea



a vision stopped an Islamic fighter attempting to kill a pastor



EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

So God can reveal & draw people to Himself...

BUT

God still choose to use people ...

you and I to share the Good News

to bring in the harvest...

It's a great honor & privilege

to partner with God...

to be a co-labourer with God ...

EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

Harvest is to bring in...

what's ripe

what's mature & ready ...

Different fruits & plants are harvested differently

Eg Mulberries

Bananas....

Durians....



Expanding His Kingdom

To EXPAND God's Kingdom

We need to ask / pray ...

↳ **where He wants us to be...**

↳ **what He wants us to do...**

↳ **when He wants us to harvest....**

↳ **how He wants us to harvest...**

It's All About Him & His Purpose

We are His Workers, His Labourers

**Before Harvesting
there must be Sowing ...**

Ref John 4:34-38

In-Betweens

Ref 1 Cor 3:6-9

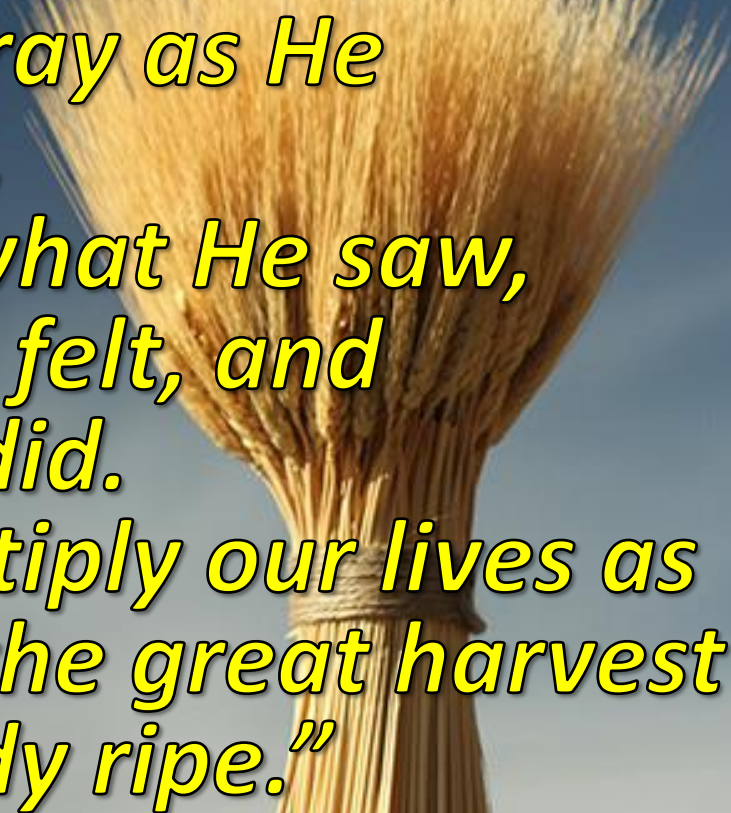
EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM



Warren Wiersbe Quote



“When we pray as He commanded, we will see what He saw, feel what He felt, and do what He did. God will multiply our lives as we share in the great harvest that is already ripe.”

A large, golden-brown bundle of harvested wheat stalks, tied together at the base, set against a clear blue sky.

THE "LOVE" CHAPTER

1 Corinthians 13



TRANSFORMING LIVES...

Beginning with our own lives...

1. We Must See As Jesus Saw

2. We Must Feel As Jesus Felt

Only a TRANSFORMED LIFE can
'TRANSFORM' another



EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM...

Remember He is LORD of the Harvest

Remember it's His Harvest Field

Remember **3. We Must ASK our Lord**

What / Where / When / How to bring
in the Harvest of souls.



Vance Havner (1901-86)

"The tragedy of our time is that the situation is desperate ... but the saints are not."

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Conclusion

**2017 SSMC Church Camp Theme:
Transformed by the Word
Empowered by the Spirit**

- **We need to avail ourselves to be transformed...**
- **We need to avail ourselves to be empowered...**
- **We need to be AT CHURCH CAMP**

