

## **START an HIV&AIDS Ministry Scriptural Study**

### **God's Compassion**

So they cause the poor to cry out, catching God's attention. Yes, he hears the cries of the needy. Job 34:28 (NLT)

But those who suffer he delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction. Job 36:15 (NIV)

For he has not ignored the suffering of the needy.  
He has not turned and walked away.  
He has listened to their cries for help.  
Psalm 22:24 (NLT)

He has never let you down,  
never looked the other way  
when you were being kicked around.  
He has never wandered off to do his own thing;  
he has been right there, listening. Psalm 22:24 (MsgB)

I cried out to the LORD in my suffering, and he heard me.  
He set me free from all my fears. Psalm 34:6 (NLT)

With all my heart I will say to the LORD,  
"There is no one like you.  
You protect the weak from the strong,  
the poor from the oppressor."  
Psalm 35:10 (TEV)

As for me, I am poor and needy,  
but the Lord is thinking about me right now.  
You are my helper and my savior.  
Do not delay, O my God.  
Psalm 40:17 (NLT)

The LORD nurses them when they are sick  
and eases their pain and discomfort.  
Psalm 41:3 (NLT)

For he understands how weak we are;  
he knows we are only dust. Psalm 103:14 (NLT)

For he's always at hand to take the side of the needy,  
to rescue a life from the unjust judge.  
Psalm 109:31 (MsgB)

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; Psalm 113:7 (NIV)

But to the poor, O LORD, you are a refuge from the storm. To the needy in distress, you are a shelter from the rain and the heat. For the oppressive acts of ruthless people are like a storm beating against a wall, Isaiah 25:4 (NLT)

He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Isaiah 40:29 (NLT)

In all their suffering he also suffered, and he personally rescued them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them. He lifted them up and carried them through all the years. Isaiah 63:9 (NLT)

You have not taken care of the weak. You have not tended the sick or bound up the broken bones. You have not gone looking for those who have wandered away and are lost. Instead, you have ruled them with force and cruelty. I will search for my lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them, yes—feed them justice! Ezekiel 34:4,16 (NLT)

### **Jesus' Healing Ministry**

News about him spread far beyond the borders of Galilee so that the sick were soon coming to be healed from as far away as Syria. And whatever their illness and pain, or if they were possessed by demons, or were epileptics, or were paralyzed—he healed them all. Matthew 4:24 (NLT)

When Jesus heard them, he said, "It is not the healthy people who need a doctor, but the sick. Matthew 9:12 (NCV)

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! Matthew 10:8 (NLT)

A vast crowd was there as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Matthew 14:14 (NLT)

The news of their arrival spread quickly throughout the whole surrounding area, and soon people were bringing all their sick to be healed. The sick begged him to let them touch even the fringe of his robe, and all who touched it were healed.

Matthew 14:35-36 (NLT)

Vast crowds followed him there, and he healed their sick. Matthew 19:2 (NLT)

I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' Matthew 25:36 (NLT) When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' Matthew 25:39 (NLT)

I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me no clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' Matthew 25:43-44 (NLT)

So Jesus healed great numbers of sick people who had many different kinds of diseases, and he ordered many demons to come out of their victims. But because they knew who he was, he refused to allow the demons to speak.

Mark 1:34 (NLT)

They couldn't get to Jesus through the crowd, so they dug through the clay roof above his head. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. Mark 2:4 (NLT)

There had been many healings that day. As a result, many sick people were crowding around him, trying to touch him. Mark 3:10 (NLT)

And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. Mark 6:5 (NLT)

So they ran throughout the whole region; and wherever they heard he was, they brought to him the sick lying on their mats. And everywhere Jesus went, to villages, towns, or farms, people would take their sick to the marketplaces and beg him to let the sick at least touch the edge of his cloak. And all who touched it were made well.

Mark 6:55-56 (TEV)

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to preach good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to release the oppressed, Luke 4:18 (NIV)

Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the coming of the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2 (NLT)

And a huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miracles as he healed the sick. John 6:2 (NLT)

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They would sell their land and the things they owned and then divide the money and give it to anyone who needed it. Acts 2:45 (NCV)

The people placed their sick on beds and mats in the streets, hoping that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on them. Acts 5:15 (NCV)

Crowds came in from the villages around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those possessed by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:16 (NLT)

so that even when handkerchiefs or cloths that had touched his skin were placed on sick people, they were healed of their diseases, and any evil spirits within them came out. Acts 19:12 (NLT)

Share with God's people who need help. Bring strangers in need into your homes. Romans 12:13 (NCV)

The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else he gives the power to heal the sick. 1 Cor. 12:9 (NLT)

If you think you are too important to help someone in need, you are only fooling yourself. You are really a nobody. Galatians 6:3 (NLT)

If you are a thief, stop stealing. Begin using your hands for honest work, and then give generously to others in need. Ephes. 4:28 (NLT)

He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need. Ephes. 4:28 (NIV)

Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. 1 Thes. 5:14 (NLT)

Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give generously to those in need, always being ready to share with others whatever God has given them. 1 Tim. 6:18 (NLT)

Don't ever forget those early days when you first learned about Christ. Remember how you remained faithful even though it meant terrible suffering. Sometimes you were exposed to public ridicule and were beaten, and sometimes you helped others who were suffering the same things. Hebrews 10:32-33 (NLT)

Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes particular pleasure in acts of worship—a different kind of "sacrifice"—that take place in kitchen and workplace and on the streets. Hebrews 13:16 (MsgB)

Are any among you suffering? They should keep on praying about it. And those who have reason to be thankful should continually sing praises to the Lord.

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. James 5:13-14 (NLT)

Take a firm stand against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your Christian brothers and sisters all over the world are going through the same kind of suffering you are. 1 Peter 5:9 (NLT)

But if anyone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help—how can God's love be in that person? 1 John 3:17 (NLT)

James 1:27 (TEV) "What God the Father considers to be pure and genuine religion is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their suffering and to keep oneself from being corrupted by the world."

Gal. 6:2 (NIV) "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Prov. 3:27 (Mes) "Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is God's hand for that person."

“You can’t go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is love.” Romans 13:10 (Mes