

# And Stories



Jesus wants us to connect  
our faith to our actions.

**James 2: 26** As the body without the spirit is dead,  
so faith without deeds is dead.

Connecting faith to actions  
results in stories that shape us.



**Matthew 20: 32** Jesus stopped and called them.  
“What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.  
33 “Lord,” they answered, “we want our sight.”  
34 Jesus had compassion on them and touched  
their eyes. Immediately they received their sight  
and followed him.

**Mark 1: 40** A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. **41** Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!”



**Matthew 9: 35** Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.



# Three Common Elements

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1). A Resulting Action

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2). Jesus had “compassion”



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3). “And” connecting Jesus’  
compassion to his actions.

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**Mark 1: 41** Moved with **compassion**, Jesus reached out **and** touched him.

**Matthew 9: And** he healed every kind of disease and illness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had **compassion...**



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**resulting in God’s glory.**

**Empathy:**

**understand and share the  
feelings of another.**

Compassion (to suffer  
together):

pity with a desire to help.

“And” stories do not begin with  
empathy.

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They begin with compassion.



**John 11: 35** Jesus wept.

**36** Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

**John 11: 38** Jesus, once more **deeply moved**, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. **39** “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.”



**John 11: 40** Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

**John 11: 44** The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes **and** let him go.”

Jesus sees, feels,  
and acts.



Compassion can be given to  
anyone

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but the best place to begin is with  
those you know.



If you feel compassion for  
someone

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**act immediately.**





You will most likely have  
compassion for someone based on  
your experiences.

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**This is the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts 2: 38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God **will call.**”



**Will you create**  
your own “and” story this week?



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