

Anchored- Compassion without compromise.

***Illustration:** Tale of mission drift because of poorly sourced compassion.

Warning! It is easy for compassion's draw to become infatuated with the objects of mercy rather than being infatuated with the source of abundant mercy.

How do you compassionately help people who are in distress without being sucked into the mire of the problem?

The marks of a worthless faith. **James 1:26-27**

- A flippant tongue. (26a)
- An ambivalent and dismissive spirit. (26b)
- Carelessness in forming truth. (27b)

The marks of an impactful faith. **James 1:26-27**

- Careful use of words.
- Accountable to others to avoid self-deceit.
- Rooted in the Word of Truth in forming your worldview.

What does God call a beautiful life? **Matthew 26:6-13**

Context: Mary the sister of Lazarus. She had also spent time listening at his feet while her sister Martha missed out being busy in preparations. The perfume could have been worth up to a year's wages.

- Money can help but it is not the answer. (9)
- Don't be driven by the tyranny of the urgent. (11)
 - The poor will be there tomorrow.
- Cannot forsake time with Jesus to serve in the name of Jesus. (11)
- Your vision in life cannot be seen outside of serving Jesus. (12)

- The legacy of worship and generosity towards God matters more than merit badges of mercy. (13)