

## Faith and Compassion: Resources

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### Books

- Toxic Charity: How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help (and How to Reverse It) – Robert Lupton
- When Helping Hurts – Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert
- There is Always Enough/Compelled by Love – Heidi Baker (see Iris Global below)
- Chasing the Dragon – Jackie Pullinger, missionary among the poor in Hong Kong; her story of the Holy Spirit's transforming power.

### Videos

- Jon Tyson (2018) – The Controversial Jesus – Controversial Compassion (46min)
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yb8ATdzytKc&t=89s>
  - Shorter version (6min) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FBnrjoFPKs&t=5s>
- Compassion Canada podcasts: wide range of compassion issues and the role of the church. <https://www.compassion.ca/blog/love-is-greater-than-poverty-compassion-podcast/>

### Organisations

- Iris Global Ministries ([www.irisglobal.org](http://www.irisglobal.org)) - Website for Iris Global, started by Heidi and Rolland Baker in Mozambique to serve the poor and destitute, now working in 37 countries
- Salvation Army UK, whose mission is to “preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in his name without discrimination”
- Compassion UK: [www.compassionuk.org](http://www.compassionuk.org)

### Articles

- “Did you remember the poor?” – Vineyard pastor David Ruis - <https://www.vineyardchurches.org.uk/articles/did-you-remember-the-poor/>
- Gospel Coalition: US article on Christians and social justice. <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/faqs-christians-know-social-justice/>
- Compassion module on VCUKI training website (free signup): <https://app.vineyardtraining.org/#!/register>

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev 21:4)

The Word became flesh and blood,  
and moved into the neighbourhood.

(John 1v14, MSG)

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”

(2 Corinthians 1v3-4)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.”

(Luke 4v18-19)

“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ...faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

(James 2v15-16)

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

26 ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”

28 ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’

30 In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.”

36 ‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’

37 The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’

Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

(Luke 10v25-27)