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"Compassion is not something that can be turned on and off like a water faucet. It is always on. It is a constant burden of life, which many people reject. It requires resources of personal strength and it requires wisdom in action. Loving your neighbor as yourself is a matter of who you are, not, primarily, of what you decide to do. You can "afford" to be compassionate only if you know there is abundant compassion for you, toward you, by persons who have appropriate means. This is primarily God. "We love because he first loved us."

—Dallas Willard

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

—John 15:5

Music from this week:

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms, Tis So Sweet
To Trust In Jesus [*Traditional*]; King of My Heart
[*McMillan*]; Revelation Song [*Jobe*];
Who You Say I Am [*Hillsong*]

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Follow Me: Compassion

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Mark 6:30-44

Compassion: sympathetic _____ of other's
_____ together with a desire to _____ it.

The story: A tale of two _____ (Mark 6:30-44)

The backstory: A _____ of activity (Mark 1-6)

The lifeline: _____ that feeds _____
(Mark 1:35-39)

A word about a word: *Chesed* (Hebrew: חֶסֶד)

Filling up: A short _____

Further Reflection:

Observation – take note of where compassion is both easy and difficult for you to extend.

Invitation – what might God be inviting you to? Engagement? Rest?

Cooperation – How are you going to cooperate with God so you can follow Jesus model of compassion?