

Passion and Compassion

Mark 1:39-45, 11:15-17

Jesus is described throughout the Bible as One who passionately loved God and passionately loved any person He encountered. In our two Scripture passages, Jesus responded strongly to the leper, and to the merchants and moneychangers in the Temple. In both cases, there was a need. The leper needed healing and the Gentiles needed a place to worship. Jesus is stirred up-- He is moved by the sight of the leper and the result is action. He is also moved by the insensitivity to the spiritual needs of the Gentiles, and the result is action. In both instances, passion leads to compassionate action on the part of Jesus.

For each of us, a passion for God will lead to a compassion for people. A passionate faith will reach out to meet the needs of others. If we lack passion for God, it's hard to be compassionate to people.

Christ's death on the cross has often been referred to as His Passion. Christ gave His life for all people. His passion was out of compassion and love for us.

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?