



Forgotten PEOPLE

*"...whatever you did for
one of the least of these...
you did for me."*

Mark 2:1-12

“For the least of these....”

Nazareth to Capernaum

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1. SOMEONE HAD TO CARE.

Mk. 2:2-3 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 **And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.**

1. SOMEONE HAD TO CARE.

Mat 4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and **they brought him** all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them.

2. JESUS CALLS US TO BE A PEOPLE OF COMPASSION AND CARING.

Matt. 9:36-38 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Col. 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (ESV)

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Heb. 13:1-3 Let **brotherly love** continue.² Do not neglect to show **hospitality to strangers**, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.³

Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, ...

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- **IT IS NOT “NATURAL” FOR US TO CARE.**

Bartimaeus. Mk. 10:48 **And many rebuked him,** telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" (ESV)

Matt. 24:12 And because lawlessness will be increased, **the love of many will grow cold.** (ESV)



2. JESUS CALLS US TO BE A PEOPLE OF COMPASSION AND CARING – AND TO TEACH IT.

Isa. 1:17 **learn to do good**; seek justice, **correct oppression**; **bring justice** to the fatherless, **plead** the widow's cause. (ESV)





3. GOD **PERSONALIZED** CARING FOR THE FORGOTTEN.

Matt. 25:35-40 For I **was hungry** and you gave **me** food, I **was thirsty** and you gave **me** drink, I **was a stranger** and you welcomed **me**, 36 I **was naked** and you clothed **me**, I **was sick** and you visited **me**, I **was in prison** and you came to **me**. ' ... As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to **me**.

FORGOTTEN PEOPLE PERSONALIZED

Prov. 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor **lends to the LORD**, and he will repay him for his deed. (ESV)

Prov. 14:31 Whoever **oppresses a poor man** insults his Maker, **but he who is generous to the needy honors him.** (ESV). Isa. 58:10

4. IT TAKES ONE PERSON WHO BELIEVES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Mark 2:4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they **removed the roof** above him, and when they had **made an opening**, they **let down the bed** on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw **their** faith, ...

5. FORGIVENESS IS THE DEEPEST CUP OF WATER THAT A PERSON CAN DRINK.

Mk. 2:5-7 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "**Son, your sins are forgiven.**" Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**" (ESV)

- 2:9-11

NEXT STEPS.

1. Will you decide today to open your eyes and see the “forgotten” all around you?
 - A. Pray this prayer: “Father, I ask you to forgive me for not seeing others with your eyes. Today, I repent. I ask you to put someone in my path that I can minister to in your name.”
2. In the next week, connect with at least one person/group for the purpose of “giving a cup of cold water.”

NEXT STEPS.

3. Pray for God's direction and will for how we as a church can offer a "cup of cold water" to the "least of these" among us.
 - How will you "take a corner" of the effort?
 - Attend the Prayer Assembly tonight at 6p for that purpose.