

03. Learning Compassion



Luke 10:25-28

‘Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

Jesus said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’

He answered, ‘You shall 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 your neighbour as yourself.’

And Jesus said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; go on doing this and you will live.’

Luke 10:29

Wanting to justify himself. the lawyer
asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?”

Sirach 12:1-7

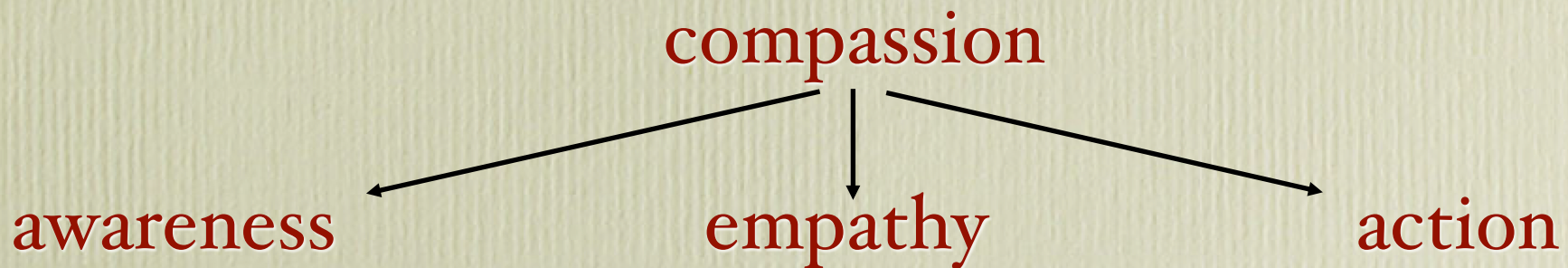
‘If you do good, know to whom you do it,
and you will be thanked for your good deeds.
Do good to the devout, and you will be repaid—
if not by them, certainly by the Most High.
No good comes to one who persists in evil
or to one who does not give alms.
Give to the devout, but do not help the sinner.
Do good to the humble, but do not give to the ungodly;
hold back their bread, and do not give it to them,
for by means of it they might subdue you;
then you will receive twice as much evil
for all the good you have done to them.
For the Most High also hates sinners
and will inflict punishment on the ungodly.
Give to the one who is good, but do not help the sinner.’

- I- A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.
- 2- Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 3- So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 3+ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them.
- 2+ Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.
- I+ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise”.

Luke 10:33-34

‘A Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with **compassion**. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.’



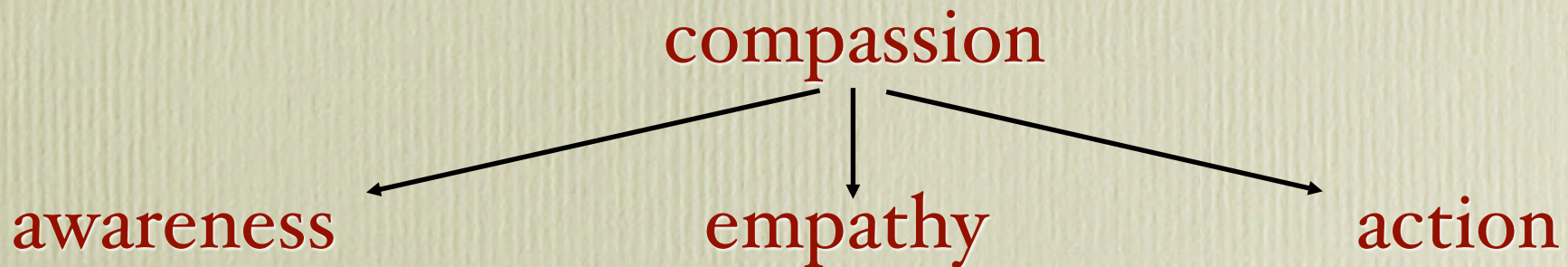
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Mark 1:40-41

‘A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, “If you choose, you can make me clean.” Moved with **compassion**, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, “I do choose. Be made clean!”



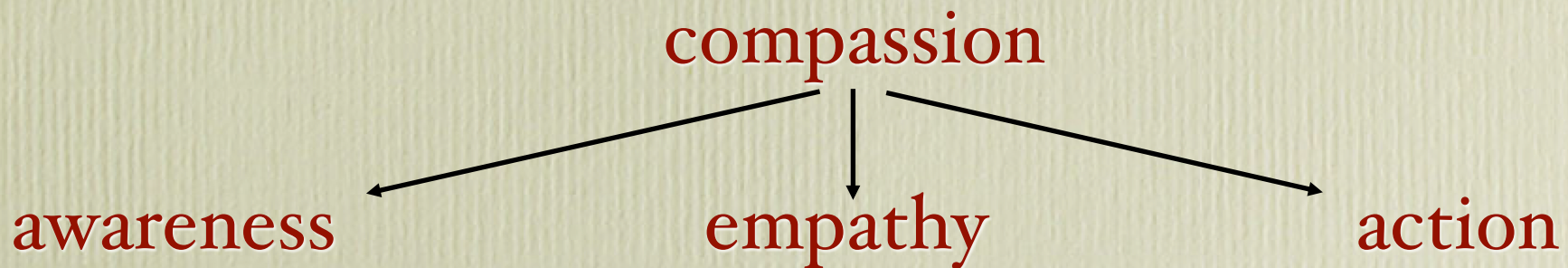
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Mark 6:34

‘Jesus saw the crowd; and he had **compassion** for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.’



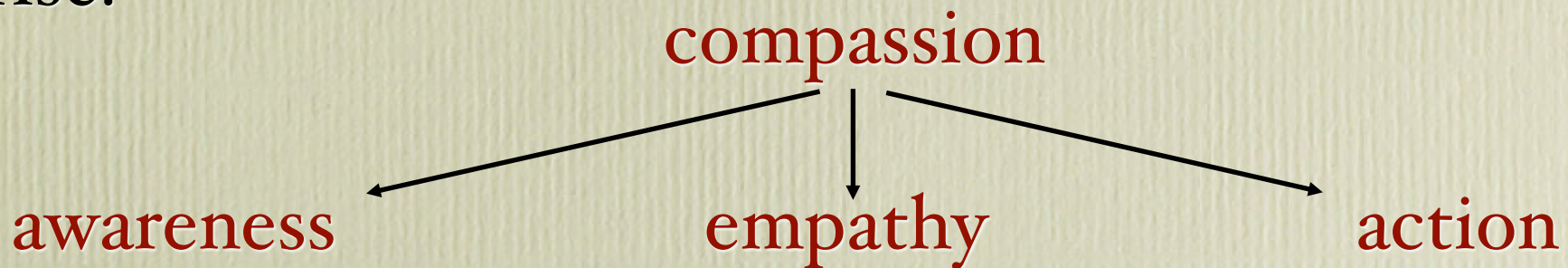
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Luke 7:13-14

‘When the Lord saw the widow, he had **compassion** for her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, rise!”



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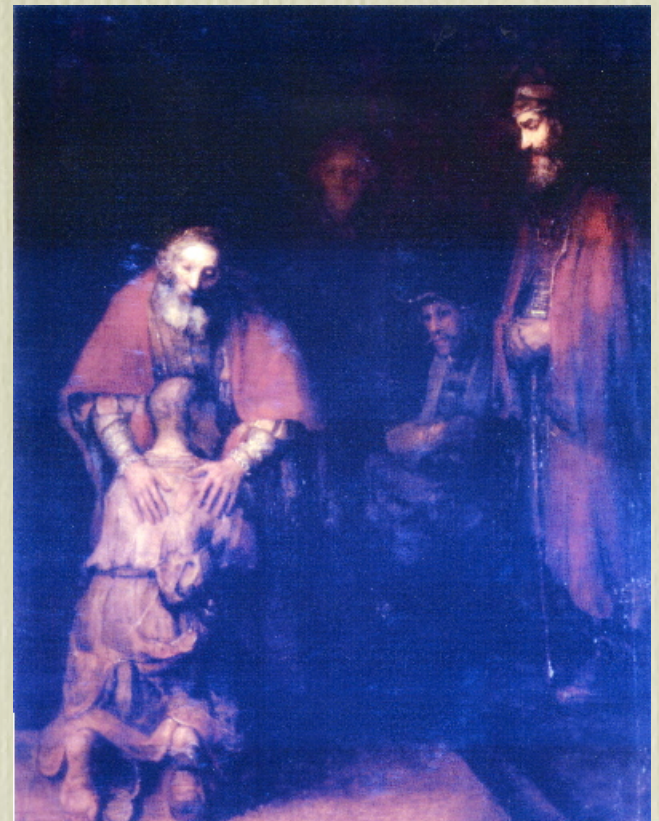
Luke 15:1-2

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

The lost child is welcomed home

Luke 15:11-32



‘All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.

The younger son

1. leaves his father and home
2. loses everything
3. sin takes him to the bottom

change of mind

3. Father comes out to his son
2. receives everything
1. ‘They began to celebrate’

And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

The elder son

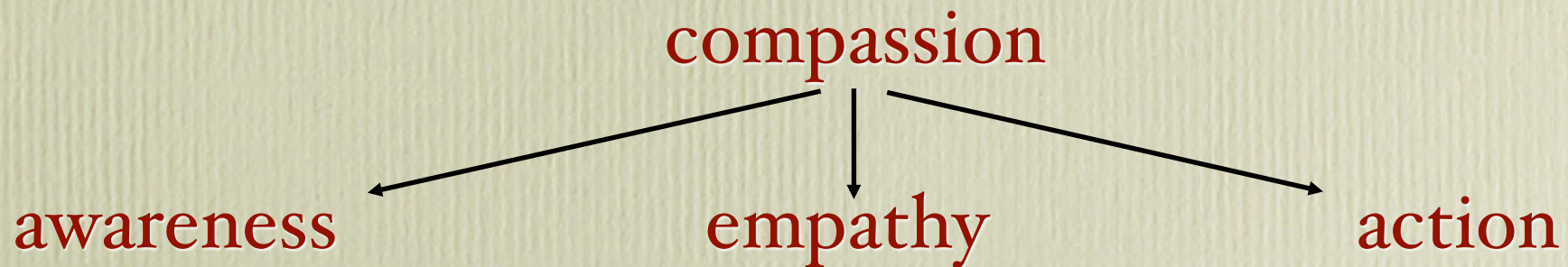
1. Comes in from the fields
2. hears of celebration and is angry
3. Father comes out to his son

stubborn refusal

3. Father tells him of his love
2. father explains the celebration
1. ? ? ? ? ?

Luke 15:20

‘While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with **compassion**; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.’



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How do we learn compassion?



Sharing

Keep Watch (n.13)

‘The community that sits at table and recognises Jesus in the breaking of the bread is also the place in which each one recognises his frailty. Fraternity does not produce perfect relationships, but welcomes the limitations of all and takes them to heart and to prayer as a wound inflicted on the commandment of love: a place where the Paschal mystery brings healing and where unity grows. This is an event of grace invoked and received by brothers and sisters who are together not by choice but by calling; it is an experience of the presence of the Risen One.’

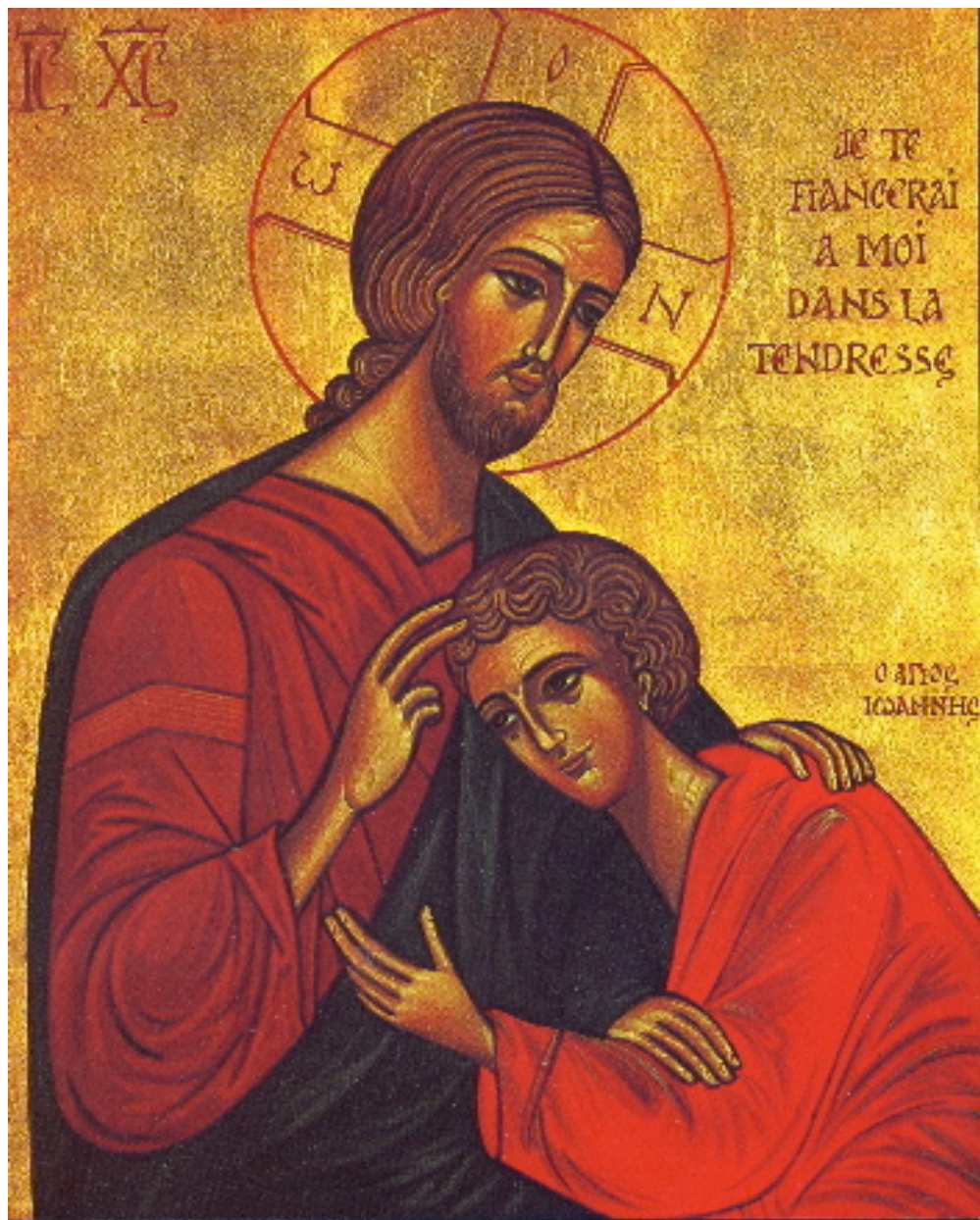
Keep Watch n. 17

‘Pope Francis has a direct question for us: “Do you struggle with the Lord for your people, as Abraham struggled? Suppose they were fewer? Suppose there were twenty-five? Suppose there were twenty? (see Genesis 18:22-33). This courageous prayer of intercession ... We speak of *parrhesia*, of apostolic courage, and we think of pastoral plans. This is good, but the same *parrhesia* is also needed in prayer.’

(Address to the parish priests of Rome, 6 March 2014).



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I will be your God,
your comforter,
I will hold you close
in my heart.



Let me love the world
through your heart.
Let me heal your wounds
by my touch.

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