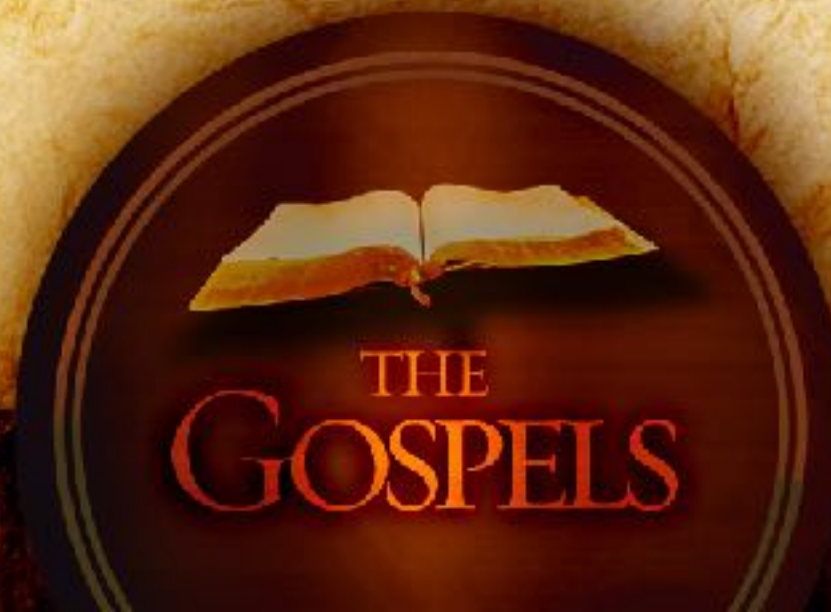




MATTHEW

Who is YOUR King?!?



*The Beauty of
Compassionate Kindness!*



Matthew 23:4, 37

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Psalms 86:15b

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**Two contrasting portraits
of compassionate
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Matthew 23:4



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Matthew 23:37

What is
compassionate kindness?



Happy
Mother's Day



What is
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Compassionate Kindness:



Compassionate Kindness:

Love in action!



“Meanness”



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Matthew 23:4



Now therefore, why do you test
God by laying a yoke on the neck of
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Acts 15:10



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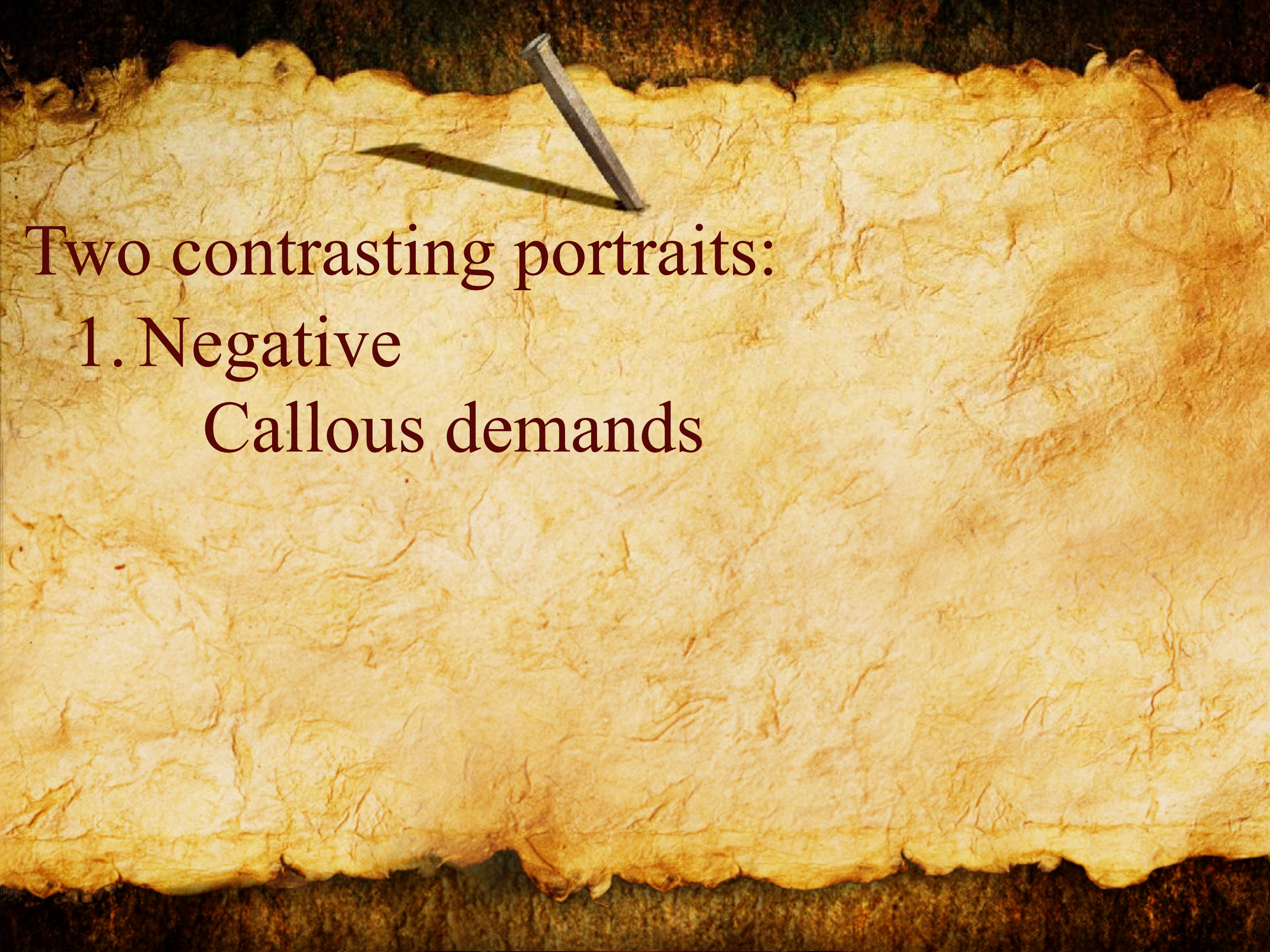
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Matthew 23:4



Take My yoke upon you and learn
from Me, for I am gentle and lowly
in heart, and you will find rest for
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Matthew 11:29-30



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For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3



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- **Guilt & shame over sin**



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Matthew 23:4



Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Galatians 6:1



Bear one another's burdens, and so
fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2



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For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:3



But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

Galatians 6:4



For each one shall bear his own load.

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Heartless neglect



Two contrasting portraits:
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Matthew 23:37



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Compassionate awareness



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Compassionate awareness



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Sacrificial kindness

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Developing the organs of compassionate kindness:



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1. Eyes that see people in pain.

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**SLOW
DOWN
SEE
DEEPER!**



Let each of you
look out
not only for his own interests, but also
for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3



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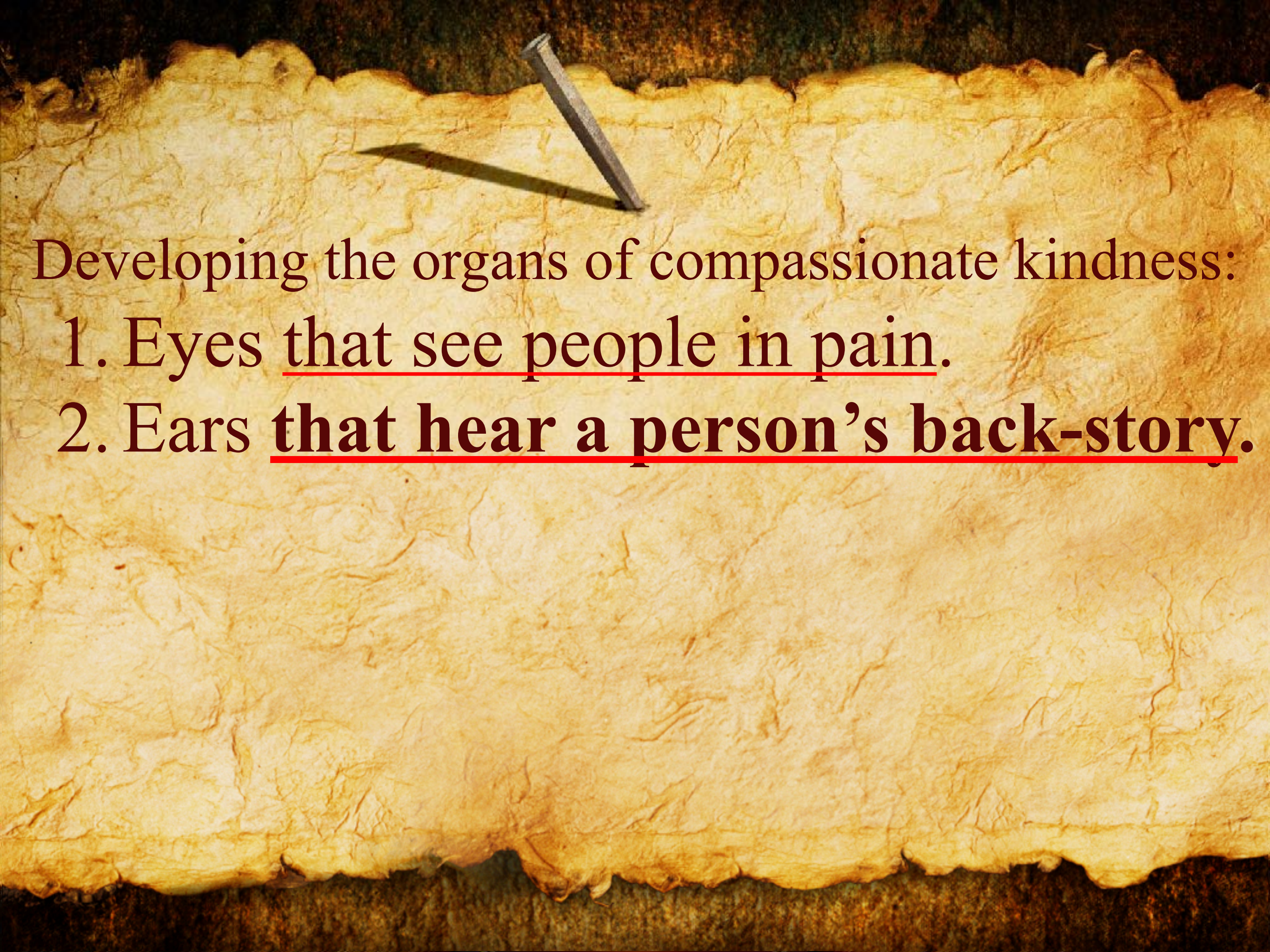


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Developing the organs of compassionate kindness:

1. Eyes that see people in pain.
2. Ears that hear a person's back-story.



So Jesus stood still and called them,
and said, “What do you want Me to do
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Matthew 20:32



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**Deep hurts
require few
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Matthew 20:32



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Developing the organs of compassionate kindness:

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2. Ears that hear a person's back-story.

3. Hearts that envision a better future.



But when He saw the multitudes, He
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Matthew 9:36



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Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37-38



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But whoever has this world's goods,
and sees his brother in need, and shuts
up his heart from him, how does the
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1 John 3:17



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4. Hands that help others up.



If you see the donkey
of one who hates you
lying under its burden,
and you would refrain from helping it,
you shall surely help him with it.

Exodus 23:5



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But when the kindness and the love
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Titus 3:4-5a



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Matthew 23:4



And when he has found it, he lays it on
his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:5



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Our Response:



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minds that remember and reflect on
the kindness of God in Christ!

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Matthew 23:4



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