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1 John 3:17 "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

That word, compassion, has been on my heart a lot recently. We see it again in the account of the "Good Samaritan" from Luke Chapter 10. Jesus said a certain man who had fallen victim to thieves while on his journey from Jerusalem to Jericho lay stripped of his clothing, wounded, and "half dead." That reminds me of a question asked by my good friend, Aaron Wilburn. "What happens if you get scared 'half to death' - twice?" I imagine this man was lying there along the path; his eyes swollen shut, and perhaps in-and-out of consciousness. Along came a priest - a man of God - but when he saw the man he passed by him on the other side. Along came a Levite who "looked upon" the man; probably trying to determine the extent of his injuries, or perhaps even determine if the man was dead or alive. Ultimately, he too passed him by. But not the Samaritan! According to verse 33, the Samaritan came by and "when he saw him, he had compassion on him." The Samaritan treated his wounds, took him to shelter, and stayed with him through the night. Webster defines compassion as "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." The only difference between Webster's definition of compassion and that of pity is that the definition of pity leaves off the "desire to alleviate it." I believe there is more to compassion than what ole Webster tells us. I believe compassion is more than pity with a desire to help. To have compassion means there is not just a desire; there is action. Jesus then says "Go, and do thou likewise." That's a good message with which to enter in to the New Year. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Show compassion. The Good Samaritan did; let us "go and do thou likewise."

In December my family called upon our photographer friend Haley Bishop from Irvine, KY to take some photos for us. It had been a long time since we had taken the time to have family photos taken, and the kids had grown by the foot. We wanted some updated photos before having prayer cards printed, and we thought they would make a nice Christmas gift for the grandparents this year too. Haley, who is a freshman in college at EKU in Richmond, met us at a park there and did a great job with the photo shoot. There was a little bit of snow falling that morning, and while she wasn't cold at all, we Texas transplants were shivering so much I don't know how the pictures didn't turn out blurry! We had a lot of fun.

Our last day in Kentucky before heading home to Texas for Christmas was a disheartening one. Our son Caleb was sick with bronchitis, asthma, sinus and ear infections, and our RV pipes were frozen because the temperature had gotten down into the teens. We had left a faucet running during the night to try to prevent that from happening, but it was cold enough to freeze even running water. It was nice to spend a couple of weeks at home, and be with our church family at White Rock MBC in Center, TX. They even let me preach on Sunday, December 18th! That night the youth group put on the best Christmas program I have ever seen, and then we enjoyed a nice Christmas fellowship afterward. I was so excited to see everyone and so busy visiting that I forgot to eat! Thankfully some of the ladies in the church sent me home with some of my favorite snacks and desserts.

Before heading back to Kentucky, we celebrated Caleb's birthday a little early with family. His birthday is January 7, and he is 9 years old this year! Next year is double-digits! We are looking forward to being back in Texas for the Nevills Chapel Missions Conference in Mt. Pleasant, Texas February 2-5. Please be in prayer for this meeting, and join us if you are able. We would love to see you there.

God Bless,
Brandon Jones



We are praying that the Lord will provide opportunities in 2017 to present the ministry as well as for preaching the Word. If your church would be interested in having us come and worship with you, please contact me at 936-645-6293



2017 Travel Schedule:

1/1 - Union Cross Baptist Church - Nacogdoches TX (morning service)

1/1 - Providence Baptist Church - Center, TX (evening service)

1/4 - Langdon Street Baptist Church - Somerset, KY

2/3 - 2/5 - Nevills Chapel Mission Conference - Mt. Pleasant, TX

4/21 - Macedonian KY Banquet - Somerset Christian School - Somerset, KY

6/18-6/22 - ABA Meeting Daytona Beach, FL

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