A Scale A Ruler A Thermometer A Clock A Compass

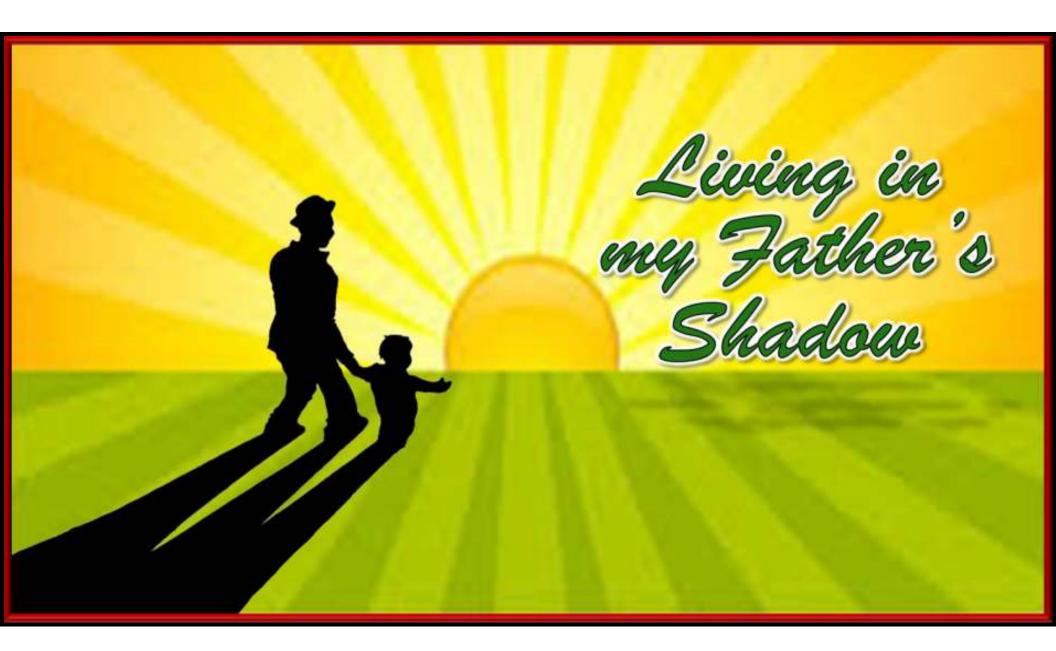
How Much? How Far? How Comfortable? How Long? Which Way?

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The Compass

The Ministry of Jesus Summed Up! Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:35-38



What was the **Important Lesson?** Went Taught **Preached Ministered**



What Did Jesus See? **Harassed Helpless People (Victims)** What did Jesus want to provide? Shepherding Why did Jesus want to do this? "Motivation"

He had Compassion on Them

Defined: sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others

Sympathetic: Feeling, showing, or expressing sorrow for someone else's misfortune

Pity: The feeling of sorrow caused by the suffering and misfortunes of others

Concern: Troubled or unrest, typically about an imminent event or something with an uncertain outcome

The Object Lessons Part 1: Matthew 14:13-21

Part 2: Matthew 15:30-38

What was the Important Lesson? **Bring more food (How Much)** Next time stop before dinner (How Long) Keep it small (Keep it Comfortable) Next time stop before dinner (How Long)

God Will Provide

Have Compassion (Which Way)

No Part of the "Plan"

In the first story, His plan was for a small private retreat for him an his disciples



Those pesky harrased and helpless people showed up with their needs and wants in tow

Important this was going to cut in on their "Jesus" time

It was going to totally disrupt the plan

It's OK to have a plan but sometimes/often ministry has to react to the moment

The Disciples were Stretched

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

Mark 6:30-31

What does compassion do? He Saw Them Embraced their physical needs He taught (Mark 6:30) He Preached (Luke 9:11)

Are we living in His Shadow?