

FEBRUARY 23

“GOD IS RUNNING OVER WITH COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE.”

READ

Hebrews 2:17-18, Psalm 78:37-38, Matthew 9:35-36

Jesus came into this world to save sinners. That was His express purpose. He is all powerful; there is no god like our God. Jesus rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for the saints. He is representing us to God the Father. The Bible is replete with verses that tell us that God is full of compassion. He is not angry. He is not moody. God is not looking for the first opportunity to wipe out and destroy — He already had that opportunity, and chose to save. God is running over with compassion for people. God loves people. In Matthew, Jesus saw the crowds and had compassion on them. He didn't disdain them. He felt for them because they were harassed. He saw people being bullied and taunted by the enemy, living with an anxiety that never goes away. He had compassion on them because they were helpless. They were like sheep without a shepherd, and that broke His heart. On their own, they couldn't save themselves, and neither can we. Jesus can save us from the power of sin.

PRAY

Holy God, sin separates me from You. You hate it, but You have a heart full of compassion. You are Emmanuel, God with us. You came to seek and save the lost. Give me a heart like Yours.

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