

APPENDIX 4 VERSES FROM SCRIPTURE & OTHER QUOTES

Awareness of Compassion

Reference	Text
2 Corinthians 1:3-4	All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us. (MSG)
1 John:18-21	My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves. And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God! (MSG)
Daniel 9:9	Compassion is our only hope, the compassion of you, the Master, our God, since in our rebellion we've forfeited our rights. (MSG)
Galatians 5:22-23	But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard--things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. (MSG)
1 Peter 3:8	Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. (MSG)
Colossians 3:12	So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. (MSG)

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Galatians 6:1	Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself. You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. (MSG)
Hosea 6:6	I'm after love that lasts, not more religion. I want you to know GOD, not go to more prayer meetings. (MSG)
Matthew 6:6	<i>"Find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace."</i> (MSG)
Proverbs 3:3	Don't let love and truth ever leave you. Tie them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. (NIRV)
Proverbs 21:3	Clean living before God and justice with our neighbours mean far more to GOD than religious performance. (MSG)
Psalms 89:14	Your kingdom is built on what is right and fair. Your truth and faithful love lead the way in front of you. (MSG)
Romans 12:3b	The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. (MSG)
Romans 12:9-10	Love from the centre of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. (MSG)
Zechariah 7:9-10	Well the message hasn't changed. GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies said then and says now: <i>"Treat one another justly. Love your neighbours. Be compassionate with each other."</i> (MSG)

Reference	Text - Quotes
Augustinus	We come to God through love, not navigation.
Henry, Matthew	<p>Matthew Henry's commentary on 1 Corinthians 16:14 '<i>Do everything in love</i>': We may defend our faith, but we must, at the same time, maintain our innocence, and not devour and destroy, and think with ourselves that the wrath of man will work the righteousness of God, James 1:24. Note, Christians should be careful that charity not only reign in their hearts, but shine out in their lives, nay, in their most manly defences of the faith of the gospel. There is a great difference between constancy and cruelty, between Christian firmness and feverish wrath and transport. Christianity never appears to so much advantage as when the charity of Christians is most conspicuous when they can bear with their mistaken brethren, and oppose the open enemies of their holy faith in love, when everything is done in charity, when they behave towards one another, and towards all men, with a spirit of meekness and good will.</p>
Hurnard, Hannah, from 'Hinds Feet in High Places' (p77)	<p>Much-Afraid cried out in anguish, and then...did that which she ought to have done the moment the path brought them to the foot of the precipice. Though now she felt too ashamed to do it, she did so because she was forced by her extremity. She cried out, "<i>Oh Lord I am oppressed. Undertake for me. My fears have taken hold and I am ashamed to look up.</i>"</p> <p>"<i>Why, Much-Afraid?</i>" It was the Shepherd's voice close beside her. "<i>What is the matter? Be of good cheer, it is I, be not afraid.</i>"</p> <p>... The shame in her eyes met no answering reproach in his, ... "<i>My Lord is of very tender compassion to them that are afraid.</i>"</p>
Newbiggin, Leslie	<p>God chooses and calls a community to be the messengers of His truth and bearers of His love for all people....neither truth nor love can be communicated except as they are embodied in a community which reasons and loves.</p>