The Lord's Compassion and You

I. THE COMPASSION OF THE LORD JESUS IN THE MIDDLE OF LIFE'S CHALLENGES

(John 9:1-12 NLT)

- We see His kindness and goodness to a blind beggar
    1. Beggars were treated with avoidance, pity, or judgement
    2. Jesus asked the beggar to do something he was capable of
    3. The blind beggar simply obeyed - no questions, arguments, or excuses
- The compassion of the Lord is reflected in what He asks of us
    1. Always for our ultimate good and His glory
    2. Not more than we are capable of - He does not ask the impossible of us ***(James 1:22 NLT)***
    3. If we want different, we must do different

II. THE PRESSURE TO DENY JESUS *(John 9:17-27, 34 NLT)*

- The beggar was pressured to deny the legitimacy of Jesus
    1. They refused to believe that a miracle had taken place
    2. The man's parents would not support him
    3. The real issue: who Jesus was
- There is still pressure today to deny the legitimacy of Jesus and our identity with Him
    1. That He is the Son of God and the only way to God ***(John 14:6 NLT)***
    2. That He is still a miracle worker and healer ***(Hebrews 13:8 NLT)***
    3. We don't have to have all the answers… but this I know

III. THE COMPASSION OF JESUS WHEN FOUNDATIONS AROUND US SHIFT

(John 9:35-38 NLT)

- The beggar was kicked out of the synagogue and rejected by his parents
    1. But Jesus found him - he was not abandoned or forgotten
    2. Jesus revealed Himself to the beggar
    3. The man shifted from sir to Lord - and worshipped Jesus
- The compassion of the Lord is with us even when things and people change
    1. He never leaves us, so we are not slugging through life on our own ***(Psalm 118:6-9 NLT)***