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THE COMPASSION OF GOD

One of the most wonderful attributes of our heavenly Father is that he is compassionate. Through his compassion comes mercy.

In Lamentations 3:22-23 it says, ***“²²It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.”***

Unlike an earthly father that can be abusive, God does not punish us unjustly. He will bring chastisement, which is to bring a change in behavior, but he is not in heaven with a big stick waiting to see us fail. He nudges us with his Holy Spirit when we are tempted to sin. Yet, when we do sin, He is always waiting to restore us when we repent. Unlike an earthly father, when we repent of our sin he forgets our sin. He does not constantly remind us of “how we always missed it.”

That compassion was shown through Jesus as he healed the sick, cleansed the leper, and brought hope to the woman caught in adultery. Yes, it grieves him when we sin, but his mercy and compassion are renewed every morning. When we fail, we should not run away from him. We should run to him. He is waiting with open arms to set us back on the right path.

Ask God to give you that same kind of compassionate heart for others, and he will.