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Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **A BEGINNING GIFT OF GOD**

There is a beginning gift that God has given to all of His human creation. It is the gift of “**Compassion**”. It is given to every person living on this planet. Some of us have decided **to ignore it for our own selfish reasons**, but everyone has it. It’s given to the atheist and every sect of religion ever invented. To all people!

Hard to believe? Not really. God has allowed us to **LOOK UP**, at people who are more financially successful or have been promoted to powerful positions not only where you work, but even as political leaders in a country where we live! And even though we work hard, we sometimes become dissatisfied and depressed with the lack of our own ability to become successful. This causes much grief for those who live and work with us! It can even cause us to try and get rid of these thoughts by drinking or doing drugs! This is even found early in our children.

Consider also how many people who are artists; working with paints, sculpting, musicians who write songs, writers and actors who create movies or politicians who claim to write laws that help people live better. But most all of these people admit when asked: **'if they believe in God'**, say they don't, but they think there might be something!

How can they claim there is no God and still write songs and movies about love and brotherhood and truth. And artists who paint beautiful pictures, even religious themes or politicians who claim we should have compassion for people's suffering, but when the people really need it, government is absent!

Many people who work hard and may be disappointed in their own lives have shown that they have taken God's gift to heart. The gift to **LOOK DOWN**, and see those people who don't even have the blessings they have. At that moment, most realize that they are really rich in their own blessings and have compassion for those who are really in need. Although they may not have a lot of money, they do find ways to help those people. They may not even speak the same language, but compassion transcends and overcomes the language barrier and their help is received.

COMPASSION is the beginning for many to realize that their might be a God! It's does not end with what the *'rich and wise Solomon'*, King David's son, said in **Old Testament book Ecclesiastes, Chapter 2: verses 15-16**,

'So I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, It also happens to me, And why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, this is vanity. (uselessness) For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever. Since all that now is, will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!'

The bible from the beginning to the end shows the difference between the people who believe God and show compassion for others and those who don't consider God or His ways and ignore the gift that God has given them and replaced it with their own selfishness.

We look at the account given in the **New Testament in the book of Mark, Chapter 6: verses 30-34** - Jesus hears that John the baptist has been beheaded and Jesus' disciples have returned from the towns He sent them to deliver the good news and heal the people.

The gospel of Mark says, 'There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest awhile." So they started out in a boat by themselves to a lonely place.' Mark goes on to say that **'Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he healed their sick and began to teach them many things.'**

New Testament in the book of John, Chapter 6: verses 1-15

When it was getting late, Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. The time for the Passover Festival was near. Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" (He knew well what he intended to do but he asked this to test Philip's response.) Philip replied, "Not even with two hundred days' wages could we buy enough loaves to give each of them a mouthful!"

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish. But it certainly won't be enough for all these people."

Because it was the time of year when grass covered the landscape, Jesus told the disciples to get the people to sit down in groups so they could be served easily. He took the bread, gave thanks to God and gave it to the disciples who brought it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. All four gospels say that the number of men there were 5000.

[And Matthew adds: 5000 men, not counting the women and children] When everyone was full, Jesus told the disciples, "Gather the pieces left over, let us not waste a bit". So they gathered them all and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten.

Jesus has been described in the **book of John, Chapter 1: verse 14** as **'The Word of God made flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit'**. I will finish by saying; **"shouldn't we believe in God"**, who created the universe, the heavens, the Earth and all life on it, by speaking it into existence?

And **"shouldn't we believe in God's Son Jesus"**, **who gave us physical evidence that He was "God's Word made flesh,"** by willing anything He wanted into existence? So, 5000 men, not counting the women and children were fed with five loaves of barley bread and two fish!

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given ***His Son Jesus, the good shepherd*** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these ***Bible Seeds***: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the **PDFs** for ***Storyline Of The Bible*** and ***Quotes and Stories from Jesus***. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: www.carlvasta.com Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.
God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .