



November 8, 2020 | Part 3
What is a Bruised Reed and a Smoldering Wick?

The One Thing:

The Lord shows _____ and mercy to those who are _____ and _____ by a life of turbulence. Therefore, we are called to be _____ of compassion, as well.

Introduction: When we look at the life of Jesus, we see a man of compassion, filled with mercy for others. But compassion is hard work. And compassion does not come naturally to ears that are filled with sin and self.

Let us look at the way Jesus shows compassion for bruised reeds and smoldering wicks.

Matthew 12:15-21 Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place. A large crowd followed him, and he healed all who were ill. ¹⁶ He warned them not to tell others about him. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸ "Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. ²⁰ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he has brought justice through to victory. ²¹ In his name the nations will put their hope."

1. We all fall _____, but Jesus never _____ up on _____.

Matthew 12:19

Romans 7:24-25

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Psalms 42:5, 51:17

2. We can see people as _____ sees them, so do not give up on _____.

Matthew 12:20a

Mark 6:34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. (NLT)

3. We should fight for _____, because that is _____ what Jesus did.

Matthew 18b, 20b-21

Micah 6:8 . . . what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Conclusion: We may not be religious _____ in the world's eyes, but we are all _____ of God touched by the _____ of Jesus. He showed _____ compassion to each of us. Therefore, will we do the _____ for others?