

Character Quest..Compassion

Are you a compassionate friend? Do you really care about those that are around you? Jesus was. At one time he was so moved by the needs of people around him he wept for the city.

Have you ever been around someone that did not show compassion? Compassion is showing love or empathizing with the needs of those around you. As an MK you will have many opportunities to show compassion to others. I remember so many times at the markets and just on the streets of Guatemala seeing those that were in need. My heart would break knowing that there was such a great need and I could only do so much.

At times we can be overcome by compassion and feel helpless when there are so many at need. What do you do in that situation? You help those around you that you *can* help. Pray that God will give you opportunities to minister to those around you. Did you know that at any age you can minister to others? You have people around you that you can touch with God's Love.

As we are on our character quest seek to be compassionate to those around you. Show HIS love to everyone that you meet. You can change the lives of those around you.



One of the greatest stories that shows compassion is the children's classic *Charlotte's Web*. The author EB White made his *The New Yorker Magazine*, but in 1938 he decided to move to the country. He moved to Maine and lived on a farm and kept animals-some of them ended up in his children's book.

Before writing his classic tale *Charlotte's Web*, in which a spider saves a pig from being killed, White was caring for a dying pig on the farm: "One day when I was on my way to feed the pig, I began to feel sorry for the pig because, like most pigs, he was doomed. This made me sad. So I started thinking of ways to save a pig's life." And thus the story of Wilbur was born. Charlotte dies, knowing she has given her life saving her friend. That's the kind of Love that Jesus says we should have for our friends.

