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Series: **Community Compassion**
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Summary

Scripture: Job 31:16-22

Four Elements of Living Out Community Compassion:

1. Community compassion is relational. (Romans 12:8)
 - *compassion is the willingness to go with others to the place where they are weak, vulnerable, lonely, and broken
 - *compassion is an activity done with others
 - *people are not projects
2. Community compassion is a lifestyle, lived out long-term.
3. Community compassion is a generous compassion. (2 Cor. 8:14-15, Deut. 15:4)
 - *no needy among you
4. Community compassion is grace-directed (God-directed) compassion. (Acts 4:34 and 20:35, Deut. 15:4, Ex. 16:18)
 - *grace does not mandate behavior
 - *grace brings us into a living relationship, not a law relationship

Pray that God will speak to you to give you faith, and then whatever you give will be given willingly, generously and joyfully. God loves a cheerful giver.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share an example you've experienced or observed where compassion was driven by God's grace.

2. Share an example you've experience or observed where compassion seemed to be driven by duty rather than love.

3. What are ways that you have joined with others to serve those in need