

# IN SEASON | sermon series

## Act on the Urgent

*“Tell everyone God’s message. Be ready at all times to do whatever is needed.”*  
2 Timothy 4:2 ERV <sup>i</sup>

What are the most urgent needs in our day?

According to one publication<sup>ii</sup> these are our most urgent global needs today:

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### Top 10 Current Global Issues

1. Climate Change
2. Pollution
3. Violence
4. Security and Well Being
5. Lack of Education
6. Unemployment
7. Government Corruption
8. Malnourishment & Hunger
9. Substance Abuse
10. Terrorism

This list reminds us that we live in a world that is full of need!

All 10 of these needs have at least one thing in common – **INDIFFERENCE**.

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How do we combat complacency?

*We care!*

**Matthew 14:14**

*“Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and **he had compassion on them and healed their sick.”***

**COMPASSION** is the key to Jesus’ mission, and likewise to our purpose in life.

**Matthew 9:36-37**

*“When **he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.** <sup>37</sup> He said to his disciples, **‘The harvest is great, but the workers are few.’”***

*Then, we do something!*

With compassion, we are to engage in **FAITHFUL SERVICE**

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Jesus then said,

**Matthew 9:38**

*“So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”*

**Luke 4:8**

*“Jesus replied, ‘The Scriptures [Deuteronomy 6:13] say, “You must worship the LORD your God and **serve only him.**”’”*

## Also, Serve God with RESPECT and PASSION!

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### Psalm 2:11

*Serve the LORD with **reverent fear**, and rejoice with trembling.*

### Romans 12:11

*Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord **enthusiastically**.*

*What is our motive?*

## Let LOVE be your motivation!

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### John 13:35

*“Your **love for one another** will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

### Matthew 22:37-40

*Jesus replied, “You must **love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.**’<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> A second is equally important: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**<sup>40</sup> The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

### Romans 13:8

*“Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. **If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law.**”*

## Before all else, Resolve the GREATEST need of all!

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Make a list of the greatest needs in your personal life.

Have you included the one need in your life that would affect all the others?

## Have faith in Jesus Christ

**John 3:16-17**

*“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”*

## Communicate sincerely with God

Jesus taught by example that we should pray to God, our Heavenly Father, often. God loves you. He stands ready to help you.

## Freely forgive

**Matthew 18:21–22**

When we freely offer forgiveness to others, we can invite more peace and forgiveness into our own lives.

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<sup>i</sup> All scriptures will be utilizing the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>ii</sup> Cloe Turner, THE TOP TEN MOST IMPORTANT GLOBAL ISSUES, April 17, 2018, <https://borgenproject.org/tag/global-issues/>