

'Be-At-Home' Questions for personal reflection and family conversation
Based on the Message: **The Land Between: finding God in unexpected places**

Title: **Compassion and Courage - essential travelling companions**

Scripture Sources: **Hebrews 12:2-3, Matthew 26:36-46**

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CONNECT:

Who in your world lives out both compassion and courage in timely ways?

ENGAGE:

1. What trait comes more naturally/instinctively to you? Compassion or Courage? Why?

2. We learned from the 'land between' experience Jesus endured in the Garden of Gethsemane how compassion and courage enabled Jesus to persist in doing the will of God the Father. Review Matthew 26:36-46. What do you glean from the honesty, candor and prayerful persistence of Jesus?

3. Compassion: we are called to act compassionately. Reflect on the example of Jesus recorded in Mark 1:40-42. What do we learn about expressing compassion from this account? How might you 'move closer' to someone suffering in this era of 'physical distancing' directives?

In what specific ways do you see people suffering with very real needs currently?
Is there someone, some family, God is asking you to be part of meeting a need? What will you do?

4. Courage: Matthew 26:46. Jesus manifests incredible courage in the face of unimaginable hardship. Where did this courage and resolve come from? Luke 22:42-44. Ponder these sacred and raw words carefully. What do you take from this scene? Be as specific as possible.

5. Is God asking of you a courageous act of obedience? What does doing God's will look like for you? Is it a courageous relational, moral, financial, emotional, behavioural action? Will you ask God for wisdom to discern what He is asking of you and the strength to obey?

RESPOND:

What one truth/insight do you highly value from this message and Scripture today?

What action do you need to engage in promptly and thoughtfully?