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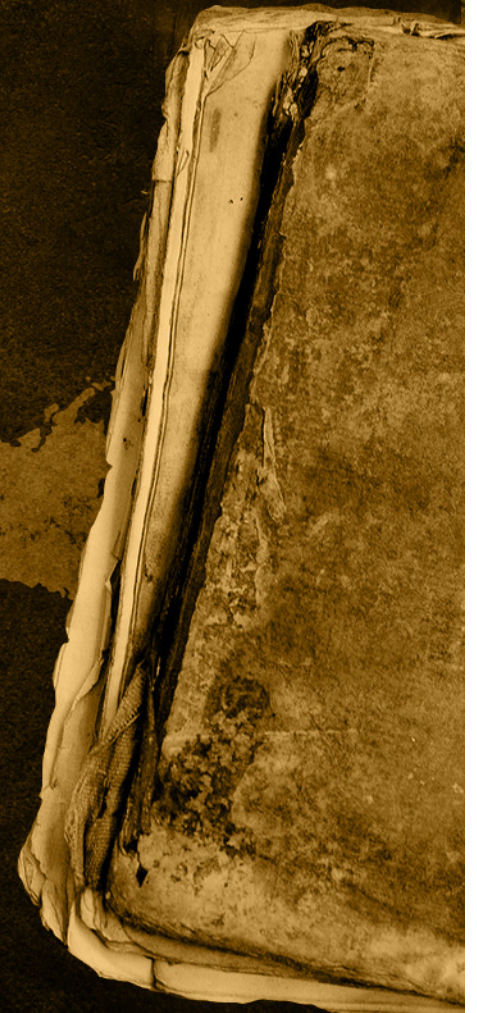
WHAT FAITH CAN DO

"Compassionmongers"

Amos 6:4-6 & 8:4-8

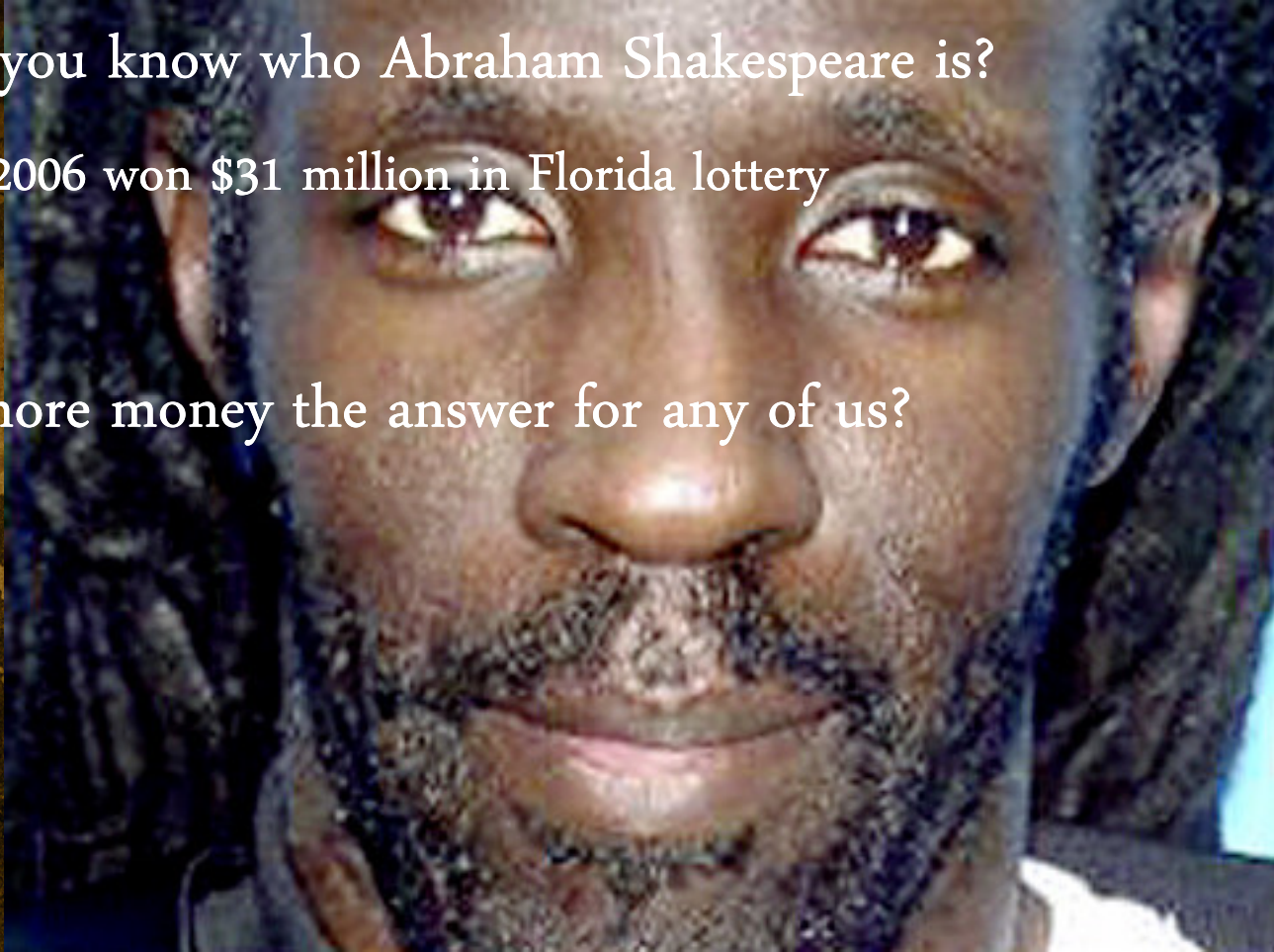
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- Do you know who Dee Dee Moore is?
- How many of you are rich?
- How much money is enough?



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- Do you know who Abraham Shakespeare is?
 - 2006 won \$31 million in Florida lottery
- Is more money the answer for any of us?



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- Monger is an interesting word:
 - someone who promotes something undesirable
 - someone who deals a specific commodity



What Faith Can Do

- Compassion

- sympathetic awareness of another's distress with a desire to lighten it
- literally "to suffer with"
- what will be our basis, purpose and theology of compassion?



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- Amos 6:4-6

You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph.

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- Amos 8:4-8

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. The LORD has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done." "Will not the land tremble for this, and all who live in it mourn? The whole land will rise like the Nile; it will be stirred up and then sink like the river of Egypt."

What Faith Can Do

- 1) God is compassionate
 - he knows we suffer
 - he suffered with us in order to remove our suffering
 - the Bible is littered with passages about God's loving-kindness (Psalm 63:3)



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- Jesus had compassion on people and the crowds (Mark 6:34)
- we are like our Father when we are compassionate

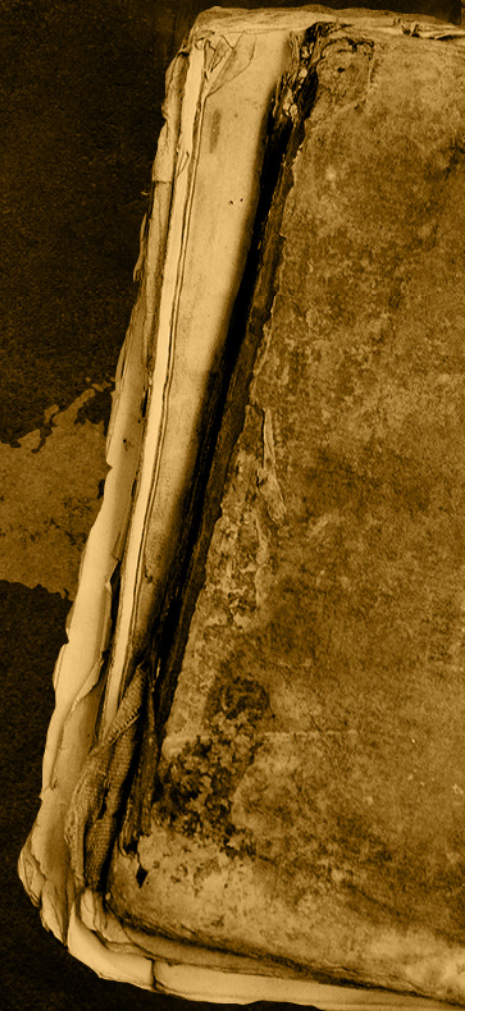


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- 2) God holds the able accountable (6:4-6)
 - who is able?
- if you make \$65k p/year, you are the 53,205,017th richest person in the world
 - you are in the top .88%
 - we are all more than able
 - what is God's evaluation of what we are doing with our ability?
 - we are able but we are hard

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- 3) God cares why you want and how you get (8:5-6)
- what governs our getting and spending?
 - who am I exploiting to get my stuff?
 - underpaying someone?
 - small, unfair print in the contract?
 - poor workmanship while complaining about pay?
 - "let them eat cake" mentality?



What Faith Can Do

- 4) God calls me to love and action
 - God calls me to be pro-active
 - I'm not called to solve the world's problems; I'm called to be involved sacrificially in love as I can
- as a local church:
 - we will expose you and equip you to embrace God's heart for hurting Man

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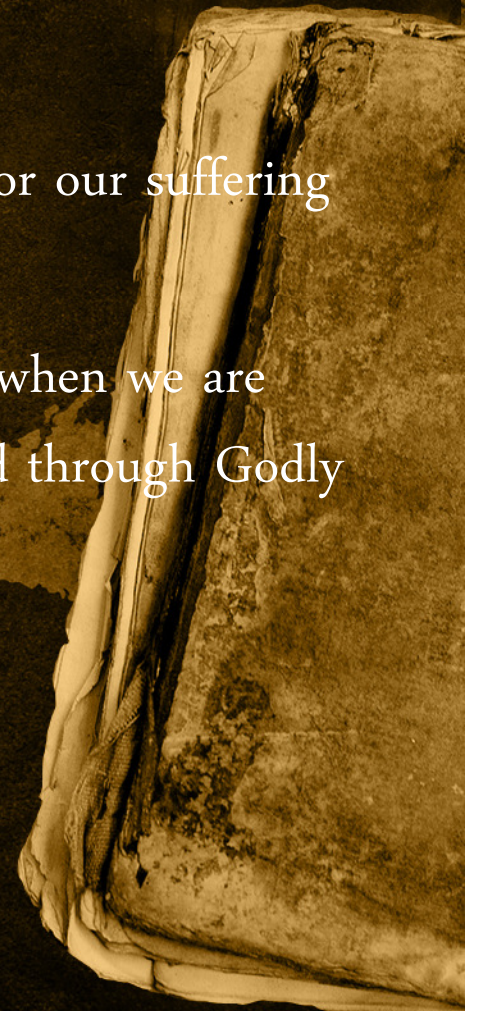
- for The Sanctuary Fellowship, compassion for man's social and physical problems grows from 2 places:
 - 1) a general desire to stem the horrible effects of sin in the world
 - 2) a desire to see God redeem people from the death and sin that all men carry in them
 - care for their physical condition, but be desperate for their souls

What Faith Can Do

- this is a call to:
 - action
 - self-evaluation
 - do something
 - join us
 - see through consumerism and comfort
 - repent
- this is a call to be like our Father and to bring glory to him

What Faith Can Do

- be a compassionmonger:
 - peddle a lifestyle of self-denial
 - sell the story of the God of the Bible who intervened for our suffering and calls us to intervene in the suffering of others
 - deal exclusively in a great God that we reveal as great when we are foolish enough to believe that we can change the world through Godly compassion



“The Frazzled Female” for Moms of Preschoolers



Thursday, February 11th,
9-11AM
@ the Greatwood Chick fil A

Theology Fight Club



All men are invited to join us!

**Thursdays, 6:30 am, at
Greatwood Chick fil A.**



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Saturday, February 20

We will participate in a Habitat for Humanity home on February 20.

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No children under 14.



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"Becoming a Woman of Freedom"

When: Monday February 15th

Time: 7-9PM

Where: Pebble Creek Ranch Apartments



Truth Weekend

March 5-7

\$49 per student

\$35 for guests

Sign up at:

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Weekend Of Champions



March 4th through March 6th

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Registration deadline is February 10th. Register online at

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