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## Value #1 "LOVE"

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### Our Values come from two of the most important passages in the scriptures:

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# Genuine compassion begins with empathy

**Empathy:** empathy is our feeling of awareness toward other people's emotions and an attempt to understand how they feel.

**Compassion:** compassion is an emotional response to empathy or sympathy and creates a desire to help. (Action)



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