

# ADJUSTING WITH COMPASSION

## SCRIPTURE:

*I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with me for three days and have nothing to eat. "If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come a great distance." And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?" (Mark 8:2-8)*

## MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Channel Locks
- (2) Different Size Nuts & Bolts

**SONG:** "Into the Heart of Jesus"

## MAIN MESSAGE:

We have to focus our lives on God and what His purpose is instead of our own. By using Christ and his teachings we will be able to handle each trial or temptation in our lives no matter how big or small.

## LESSON:

There are a lot of times that we are working on projects or doing our jobs at work where we just can't find the right size wrench; nothing seems to work right, and you just can't get that goofy nut to loosen. When all else fails, we go to our trusty pair of channel locks.

The great thing about channel locks is that they will fit just about anything, and you can get a great grip on whatever it is that you are either trying to loosen or tighten. It's a great multi-purpose tool in many aspects. Not only can you get a great grip and loosen or tighten nuts and bolts, you can also use it as a hammer! I know it probably wasn't made for hammering, but it works pretty well in certain situations!

There are a lot of things in the world today that Satan is trying to use to get to each one of us and our families. It could and can be things like stress, not only from work, but even from our families like our relationship with our spouse or our children, or the stress of being so busy with everything that is going on with our children's sports, recital's, band, boy scouts, etc.... It might even be the stress of money! Oh how we hate stressing about money!

What we have to realize is that even though things may seem bad sometimes, and they may even seem like there is no way to get out, there is someone that is watching over you. He is wanting to see us make the decisions in our lives that will reflect Him!

Just like the disciples in the scripture, we also look at the negative, and what we think we don't have. What they didn't realize was that Jesus had a plan, and even before he was ready to see His plan out, he gave thanks to our one and only God!

With the awesome power of God, they were able to feed 4,000 that day, and as it says in verse 8, "and they ate and were all satisfied." If we apply this understanding of who God is and what he can do for us in our lives, we will be so much better for it.

**PRAYER:** As a family, we will be able to deal with all trials that arise, and that we may look to You and Your word for the answers. We pray that we may grow closer to You and each other because of it.