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COMPELLED...TO CARE

COMPELLED: PART 2

1 Corinthians 13: 1 / 1 John 3:18 / John 9 / Acts 3

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1. Sharing the gospel doesn't begin with our words, but with our love.

1 Corinthians 13:1 (GN) If I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or clanging bell.

The gospel should be music to the ears of those far from God, not a noisy gong or clanging bell.

2. True love compels us to action.

1 John 3:18 (TLB) Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.

Nobody cares how much you know,
until they know how much you care!

3. Jesus modeled this approach to fulfilling the mission.

John 9:35-38 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

Jesus' life is a tapestry that weaves together the spoken word and the ministry of care.

4. The early church followed Jesus' example.

Acts 3:4-6 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Northside will meet needs in Jesus' name both individually and corporately.