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KINGDOM VIRTUES

THE PARABLES OF JESUS
FROM THE GOSPEL
OF LUKE

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Reflections

Your neighbors are the channel through which all your Christian virtues are tested and come to birth

Catherine of Siena, *The Dialogue*

I resented his coming, for when he entered our house my memory would always play back a sound from his previous visit. The sound was that of my mother's soup - delicious to the point that whatever preceded and followed it served only to frame its unsurpassable taste - leaping noisily across the gap between his spoon and his mouth through his moustache. And so the climax of the week's menu was ruined for me. I could sense [my parents'] unease with our visitor's manners. Yet they not only thought it important to invite him repeatedly, but also admired the robustness of his commitment despite the great adversity he suffered on account of his faith...so I knew to not protest the visitor to my parents, because they believed that the circle of our table had been opened by the wounds of Christ, and a stranger had been let in.

Miroslav Volf, *Captive to the Word of God*

Scripture

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Sermon

The Good Samaritan

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Events & News

PCC Leader's Retreat, August 16-18, Mt. Crags & Gilmore Malibu Retreat Center

We are so excited to open up our registration for this summer's Leader's Retreat! Our speaker, Michele Mollkoy, is an Organizational Development Consultant and Leadership Coach. This weekend will be a great time to connect with other leaders and gain more leadership skills.

For more information or to register email Esther Park at epark@pacificcrossroads.org

General Fund Update (as of 7/7/19)

Offerings Budget: \$2,191,187

Expenses Budget: \$2,639,885

Offerings Actual: \$2,124,749

Expenses Actual: \$2,373,918

Parking Information

Westside: Volunteers will pay your parking for 30 minutes after service at a walk-up pay station.

Downtown: The auxillary parking structure closes at 8pm. Cars cannot be accessed after that time.

View and sign up for all events on our mobile app, on our website,

***PacificCrossroads.org/Events**, or speak with someone at the 'New Here' tent.*

Ministry Resources

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