

HEALING MY NEIGHBOR

RESTORE: Week 6

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One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to **inherit eternal life**?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “**What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?**”

²⁷ The man answered, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁸ “**Right!**” Jesus told him. “**Do this and you will live!**”

²⁹ The man **wanted to justify his actions**, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “**A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.**

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “**Yes, now go and do the same.**”

Luke 10:25–37 (NLT)

MEASURING MY MERCY

1. I CAN TELL HOW MUCH I LOVE GOD BY HOW MUCH I LOVE PEOPLE.

“Love your neighbor as yourself...Do this and you will live!”

“For everything we know about God’s Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself...” (Galatians 5:14, The Message)

PRINCIPLE: LOVED people love people.

2. I CAN TELL IF MY LOVE IS REAL BY THE WAY I RESPOND TO NEEDS.

A. The priest DISTANCED himself.

...when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by.

B. The Temple Assistant DISTRACTED himself.

...looked at him lying there, but he also passed by...

C. The Samaritan DEDICATED himself.

The despised Samaritan...went to him... (AMP)

PRINCIPLE: CHANGED people change people.

3. I CAN MEASURE MY IMPACT BY WHAT I GIVE BACK.

Four ways to give love

1) Give my ATTENTION.

...when he saw the man...

"You know the saying, 'Four months between planting and harvest.' But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest." (John 4:35, NLT)

2) Give my COMPASSION.

...he felt compassion for him.

"The person who doesn't love doesn't know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:8, GW)

3) Give my TIME.

...he took care of him.

"Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions." (1 John 3:18, The Living Bible)

4) Give my RESOURCES.

The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back." (Proverbs 19:17, GNB)

ACTION:

Start serving in a Sunday ministry!
PEACE Partner Sunday