

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 (ESV)

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Luke 10:27 (ESV)

- **Part A-** “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,”
NOTE: comes from Deut. 6:5
- **Part B-** “and your neighbor as yourself.”
NOTE: comes from Lev. 19:18

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV)

³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

NOTE: Everything in our life hinges on these two commands.

Heid Baker *“Stop for the One who is the One, and stop for the one in front of you.”*
“Stop for the one and believe for multitudes.”

Use the image of the Cross to remind you of how we are commanded to live our life in Christ.

VERTICAL: “Love the lord your God with all of your heart, soul, strength, and mind”

HORIZONTAL: “and your neighbor as yourself.”

PART ONE: TOTAL DEVOTION- (VERTICAL)

Discuss total devotion and how it begins with just you(me) and the Lord.

“Stopping for the One who is the One”

Part A of (v.27)- It’s not just a command, it’s an **invitation**. It is the Key and Foundation for the rest of our lives in Christ. (Without it, Horizontal beam falls off)

“**The Invitation**” reminds me of – **Song of Solomon 2:10 (ESV)**- “My beloved speaks and says to me: “Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come away,””

Jesus modeled Part A perfectly

NOTE: Total Devotion= Intimacy, Friendship, and Overflow

NOTE: One to one time can look like many different things.

- **ADORATION**- “with all your heart” (Emotions, Reason, and Will)
- **WORSHIP**- “with all your soul” (the Core of you, immaterial, breath and being.)
- **POSTURE (humbling yourself)**- “with all your strength” (body, ability, power)

Note: David (dances) Elijah (bows at mount carmel), Jesus (walked with God and also bowed), Mary (sat at His Feet)

- **BE STILL AND KNOW-(psalm 46:10)** “with all your mind” (thoughts, decisions)
Note: Romans 12:2 (ESV) “Do not be conformed to this world,^[a] **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.^[b]

PART TWO: LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR (HORIZONTAL)

“Stopping for the one in front of you”

“**as yourself**” – before we can effectively love people the way God calls us to, we have to love ourselves.

The word used for love (in this passage) in the Greek is “Agapaō”

AGAPAŌ- to have preference for, or to wish well; to regard the welfare of. It is to take pleasure in; to prize it above other things; to be unwilling to abandon or to do without it; to welcome with desire; to long for.

Agapaō goes hand-in-hand with the word **Agapē-** which is the unconditional kind of love, the no strings attached kind of love.

The world has cheapened love to a feeling or emotion. To only loving when we receive something back.

God commands us to love our neighbors with a love that prefers them, with no strings attached.

We have the responsibility to seek the greatest good of our neighbor.

Philippians 2:3,4 (ESV)

³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Who is our neighbor? – not really the correct question. **“How can we be a good neighbor?”**

Note: Our neighbors are all around us. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to show you the need.

“When Helping Hurts” by Steven Corbett and Brian Fikkert

“Until we embrace our mutual brokenness, our work with low-income people is likely to do more harm than good. I sometimes unintentionally reduce poor people to objects that I use to fulfill my own need to accomplish something. I am not okay, and you are not okay. But Jesus can fix us both.” Steven Fikkert

Ask Holy Spirit- Sometimes immediate, quick answer. Sometimes a slower explanation. **Our God is about relationship. Our part is to ask.**

Choose to set agendas aside and to inconvenience ourselves

Inconvenience, when embraced, will be the most convenient thing.

SETTING THE SCENE

The Road to Jericho- Long stretches of rocky terrain. Perfect for robbers to hide and operate. This road was known for this.

The Priest- Descendant of Aaron who had responsibilities in the Jerusalem Temple. Passed by him on **the other side of the road**, showing his unwillingness to help, or to get involved.

The Levite- Not a priest (the Levites assisted priests), Again passed on the other side of the road.

The Samaritan- Culturally it would have not been acceptable or approved of, for a Samaritan to help a Jew. **With this, Jesus is making a huge point!!!**

Loving your neighbor will require your 3 T's (From the "just give series")

- **Time-** The Samaritan stopped and cared for him on the road, and then stayed the night with him in the inn to continue caring for him.
- **Treasure-** The Samaritan used his own bandages, oil, and wine to treat the wounds. He used his own animal to carry the man, paid for the room at the inn, gave two denarii for the innkeeper to keep caring for him, paying for whatever else the two denarii doesn't cover. (one denarii = one day's wages)
- **Talents-** In this scenario, the Samaritan was confronted with needing to bind up the man's wounds, he knew how to do that, so he did.

Additional Requirement: COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW UP

- The Samaritan said "When I come back"

Note: Relationship, Discipleship, and being a Neighbor **takes follow up**. We should never approach people with a "one and done" mindset, regardless of the outcome.

"The one who showed him mercy"

"You go and do likewise"

Matthew 5:7 (ESV)

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

CONCLUSION: "Love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, strength, and mind" and from that place of intimacy, friendship, and overflow we then can effectively love our neighbor as ourselves. Accept the Command. Accept the invitation. The world needs what and who we carry.

