

Primary Text: **Luke 10:25-37**

“If being in the presence of God doesn’t turn your heart to broken people then you haven’t been in the presence of God!”

“Life led the Samaritan to the place; love led him to make a difference.”

“It’s not who your neighbor is that will determine whether you love or not; it’s who you are that will determine whether you love or not.”

Robbers: *What’s yours is mine, and I’m going to take it.*

Priest & Levite: *What’s mine is mine, and I’m going to keep it.*

Samaritan: *What’s mine is yours, and I’m going to give it.*

Love: - **חֶסֶד** - Hebrew (CHesed) - *Merciful, loyal, generous, kind, love.*

Compassion: - **σπλάγγνα** - Greek (*splangkhn'*-non): *properly, the internal organs ("viscera"); (figuratively) "gut-level compassion" (visceral feelings); the capacity to feel deep emotions (sympathy, empathy, etc.).*

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Gen. 47:29-31

And when the time drew near that Israel must die, he called his son Joseph and said to him, "If now I have found favor in your sight, put your hand under my thigh and promise to deal kindly and truly with me. Do not bury me in Egypt, but let me lie with my fathers. Carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their burying place." He answered, "I will do as you have said." And he said, "Swear to me"; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself upon the head of his bed.

After David kills Goliath, Saul's son Jonathan asks David to make a covenant **1 Sam 20**.

May Yahweh be with you as he was with my father. - Promise me that you will show me this (Love) (Mercy) Kindness should he Saul come after me because of our friendship. "Don't cut off your chesed from my house.

David eventually becomes king. Jonathan has died in battle quite some time ago and David remembers his covenant and asks if anyone in Jonathan/Saul's bloodline is still living.

2 Samuel 9

Mephibosheth is the only descendant. The grandson of Saul. He is a forgotten, crippled, outcast, grandson of his enemy. David adopts him and invites him to the table for the rest of his life.

This kind of deep, generous, loyal love is something that we must show to those that need it. Those that are seeking mercy and justice. Those that may never ever be able to pay us back. We do this knowing that it may never be reciprocated. We do this because the Father first loved us and His love pours out of us. We are not the final destinations of his mercy and blessing.

2 Chronicles 28 recounts how the prophet Oded convinced the Samaritans to aid their Judean captives. It insists that enemies can prove to be neighbors, that compassion has no boundaries, and that judging people on the basis of their religion or ethnicity will leave us dying in a ditch.

- Create care packages for those that feel forgotten.***
- Participate in our Cards from Christ. Greeting cards for those that are in Ohio Prisons and correctional facilities.***
- Grocery shop for your elderly neighbor***
- Stand up against bullying***
- Tutor a student who is struggling***
- Help your neighbor with their yard/ Winter is coming and snow doesn't remove itself.***
- Donate blood.***
- Volunteer with our food pantry or with the Jordan Reiser Foundation.***

Pray that God would show you more opportunities to serve and that he would give you the encouragement and the willingness to step outside of what is comfortable so that you can share his love with others through your service.