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<sup>27</sup> He answered, "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,**" and "**your neighbor as yourself.**"<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>28</sup> "You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus took up the question and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him, beat him up, and fled, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down that road. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> In the same way, a Levite, when he arrived at the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan on his journey came up to him, and when he saw the man, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day<sup>[b]</sup> he took out two denarii,<sup>[c]</sup> gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.'

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## **II. The application of the story:**

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#### **We cannot keep enough rules to measure up to what God requires**

**Gal 3:10** For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, because it is written, **Everyone who does not do everything written in the book of the law is cursed.**<sup>[a]</sup>

**James 2:10** For whoever keeps the entire law, and yet stumbles at one point, is guilty of breaking it all.

#### **We can never be "churchified" enough to measure up to what God requires**

**Romans 3:24** they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

### **B. To show us a way of life. (Helping others)**

**Gal 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

**Helping others is something followers of Jesus should be drawn to.**

**Helping others is something followers of Jesus pursue without boundaries.**

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**If we are not helping others.....maybe it's time for a self-evaluation.**

**We may have “hinny” problems....**

**We may have a Jesus problem**

**I John 4:19** <sup>19</sup> We love<sup>[a]</sup> because he first loved us.

**Gal 5:22-23** <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.<sup>[a]</sup>

**Romans 5:5** This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**Close:**

“Go and do the same.”      Jesus