

## The Good Life: Compassion

Luke 10:25-37

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*And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"<sup>27</sup> 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."<sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live." Luke 10:25–37 (ESV)*

If you want to live again, then step into LOVE.

The Good Life: Compassion, Capacity, and Continuance.

**Moved by compassion using our capacity to fulfill a person's need completely.**

*Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.<sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. Luke 10:31–33 (ESV)*

**By Chance** – Is God at work? How can you join Him?

By chance moments, often become opportunities for God to move through you to love your neighbor.

**Had Compassion** –

*"Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him" Psalm 41:1 (ESV)*

*"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed." Proverbs 19:17 (ESV)*

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:3 (ESV)*

*"Poverty is the result of relationships that do not work, that are not just, that are not for life, that are not harmonious or enjoyable. Poverty is the absence of shalom in all its meanings." (Tom Nelson, The Economics of Neighborly Love)*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7 (ESV)*

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How can I grow in compassion?

**1. Try asking the right question**

What will happen to me?

What will happen to him?

**2. Try listening to the person's story.**

**3. Try Putting yourself in their story.**

*"All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much..."* Ephesians 2:3–4 (NLT)

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."* Romans 10:9–10 (ESV)