

Be a Good Neighbor



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Who Is My Neighbor?



Luke 10:25

ON ONE OCCASION AN
EXPERT IN THE LAW STOOD
UP TO TEST JESUS.
“TEACHER,” HE ASKED, “WHAT
MUST I DO TO INHERIT
ETERNAL LIFE?”

Luke 10:26

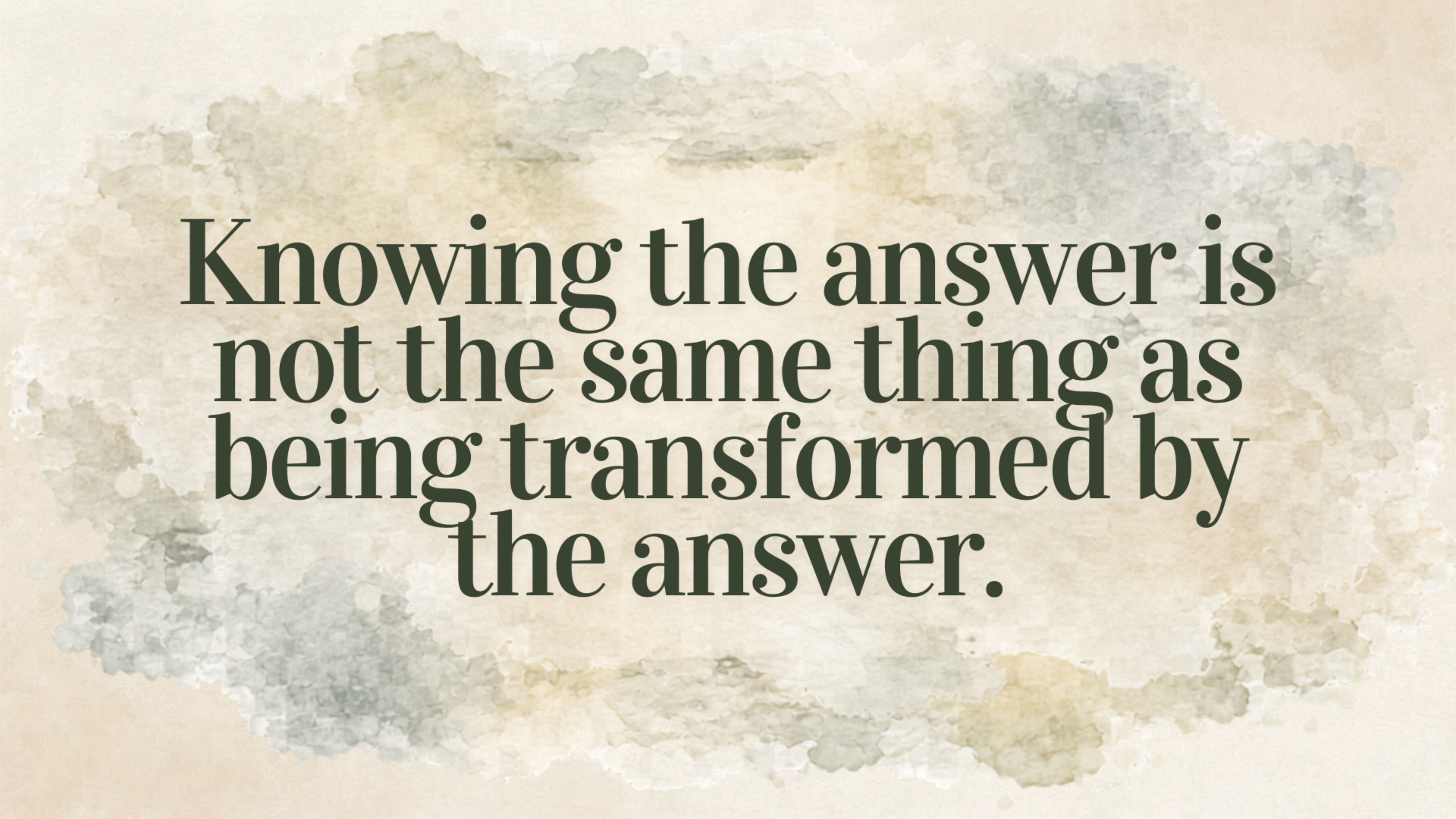
“WHAT IS WRITTEN IN THE
LAW?” HE REPLIED. “HOW DO
YOU READ IT?”

Luke 10:27

HE ANSWERED, “‘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, ‘LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’”

Luke 10:28

"YOU HAVE ANSWERED
CORRECTLY," JESUS REPLIED.
"DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE."



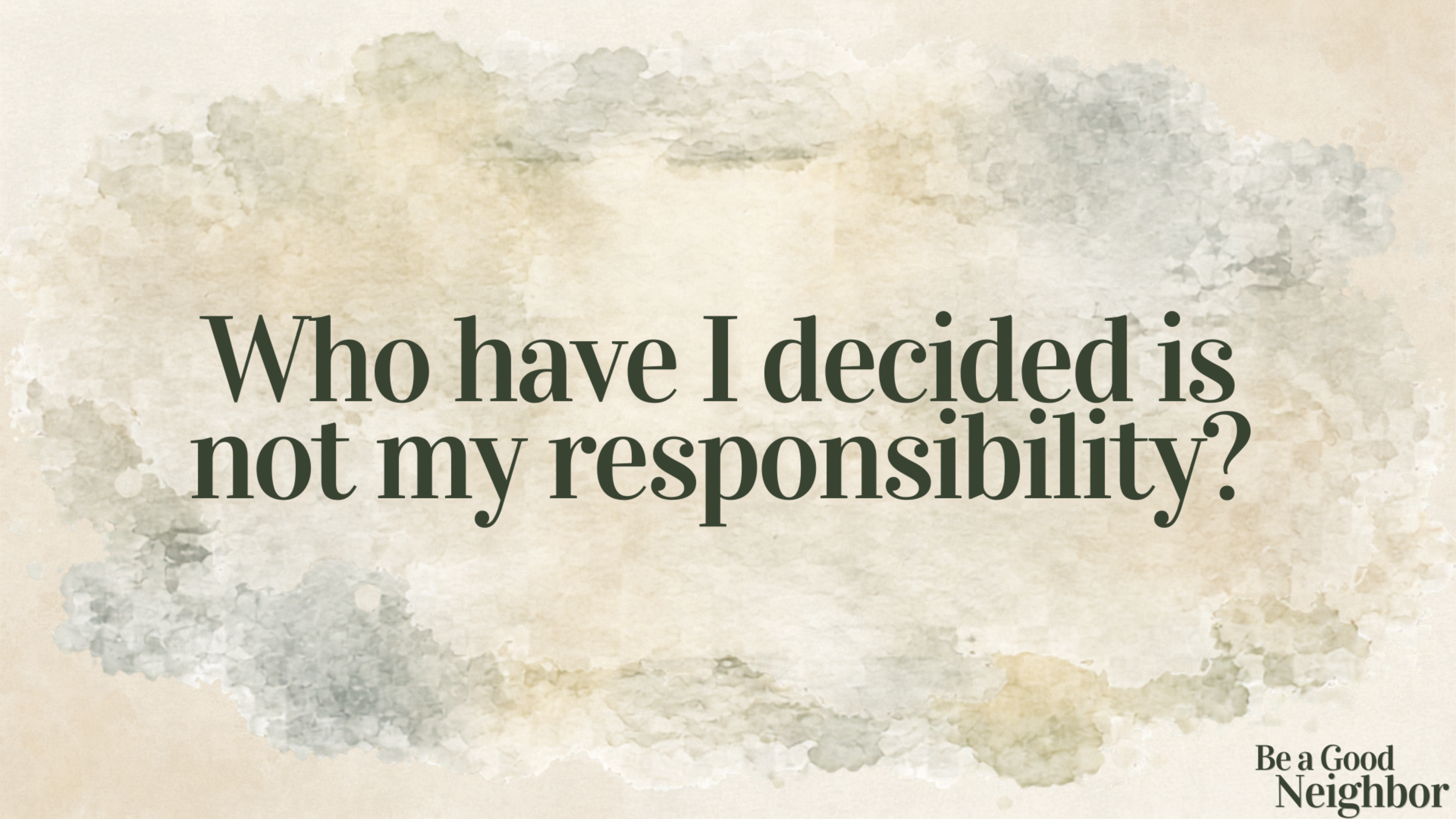
Knowing the answer is
not the same thing as
being transformed by
the answer.

Leviticus 18:4-5

YOU MUST OBEY MY LAWS AND BE
CAREFUL TO FOLLOW MY
DECREES. I AM THE LORD YOUR
GOD. KEEP MY DECREES AND
LAWS, FOR THE PERSON WHO
OBEYS THEM WILL LIVE BY THEM.
I AM THE LORD.

Luke 10:29

BUT HE WANTED TO JUSTIFY
HIMSELF, SO HE ASKED JESUS,
“AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?”



Who have I decided is
not my responsibility?

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Luke 10:30

IN REPLY JESUS SAID: "A MAN
WAS GOING DOWN FROM
JERUSALEM TO JERICHO, WHEN HE
WAS ATTACKED BY ROBBERS.
THEY STRIPPED HIM OF HIS
CLOTHES, BEAT HIM AND WENT
AWAY, LEAVING HIM HALF DEAD.

Luke 10:31-32

A PRIEST HAPPENED TO BE GOING
DOWN THE SAME ROAD, AND
WHEN HE SAW THE MAN, HE
PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE.
SO TOO, A LEVITE, WHEN HE CAME
TO THE PLACE AND SAW HIM,
PASSED BY ON THE OTHER SIDE.

We cannot use the truth
that we cannot do
everything as permission
to do nothing.

What am I trying to
protect that may be
preventing me from
loving faithfully?

Luke 10:33-34

BUT A SAMARITAN, AS HE TRAVELED,
CAME WHERE THE MAN WAS; AND
WHEN HE SAW HIM, HE TOOK PITY ON
HIM. HE WENT TO HIM AND BANDAGED
HIS WOUNDS, POURING ON OIL AND
WINE. THEN HE PUT THE MAN ON HIS
OWN DONKEY, BROUGHT HIM TO AN
INN AND TOOK CARE OF HIM.

Luke 10:35

THE NEXT DAY HE TOOK OUT TWO DENARII AND GAVE THEM TO THE INNKEEPER. 'LOOK AFTER HIM,' HE SAID, 'AND WHEN I RETURN, I WILL REIMBURSE YOU FOR ANY EXTRA EXPENSE YOU MAY HAVE.'

Luke 10:36

“WHICH OF THESE THREE DO YOU
THINK WAS A NEIGHBOR TO THE
MAN WHO FELL INTO THE HANDS
OF ROBBERS?”

Luke 10:37

THE EXPERT IN THE LAW REPLIED,
"THE ONE WHO HAD MERCY ON HIM."
JESUS TOLD HIM, "GO AND DO
LIKEWISE."

More people meet Jesus when the
people of Jesus live like Jesus.

More people become like Jesus
when we stop admiring His love
and begin practicing it.

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Discussion Questions

1. What is one quality that makes someone a good neighbor?
2. Who have I decided is not my responsibility? Is there a person, group, or type of need you are tempted to keep at a distance?
3. What am I trying to protect that may be preventing me from loving faithfully? (time, comfort, plans, money, or emotional energy, etc.)
4. The priest and Levite may have had reasons that seemed understandable. How can we recognize when reasonable limits have become excuses for passing by?
5. What is one way you could “go and do likewise” this week?