

Lifeline

## Jesus is Our Savior from Selfishness

Luke 10:25-37

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**Love that will give us a Lifeline out of Selfishness:****A. Love God With All That You Are**

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*“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. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’ **Matthew 22:37-40***

The Law is summed up by these two commands: Love God and Love People. The first four commandments are focused on loving God. The last six are focused on our love for others:

## Loving God

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.
4. Remember the Sabbath, keep it holy.

## Loving People

5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall not covet.

**B. Love Requires Action**

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*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” **John 13:35***

*“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and filled,’ without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” **James 2:14-17***

**C. Love Without Boundaries**

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*“The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?’ (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)” **John 4:9***

We know clearly who the neighbor was, but the real question we must ask ourselves is this: to whom must I be a neighbor? Whenever people need us, at that very moment, we can become neighbors, and, like Jesus Christ, show mercy. Loving others is one of the many ways we put our faith into action. Like Christ, we die to our own needs, our preferences, our very own bodies and goods to show love and compassion to others. In the Gospel of John, Jesus commands that we love one another just as he has loved us.

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