

**The Questions
Jesus Asked
Compassion?**



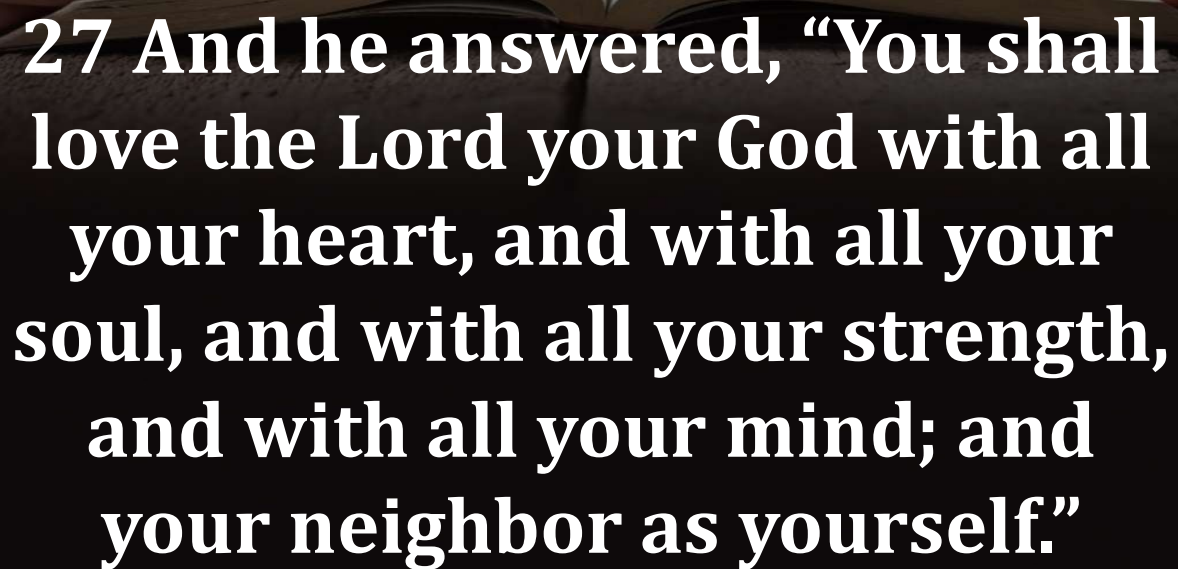
Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

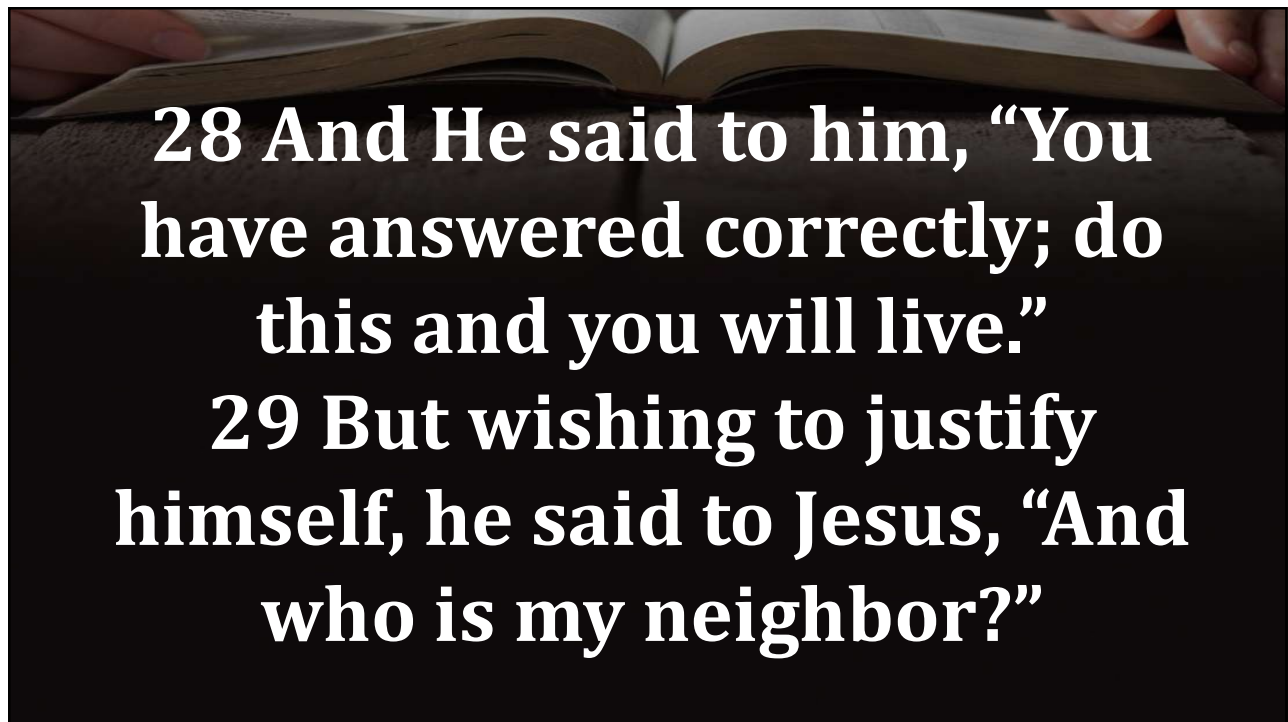


Luke 10:25-37

And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”



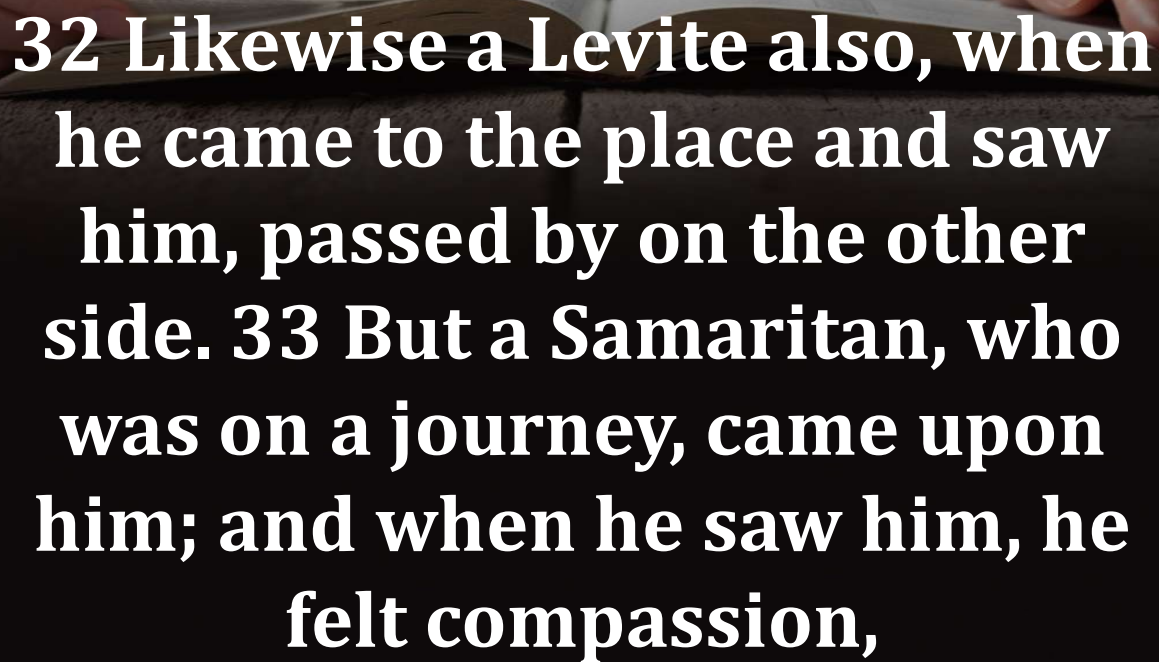
27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.”



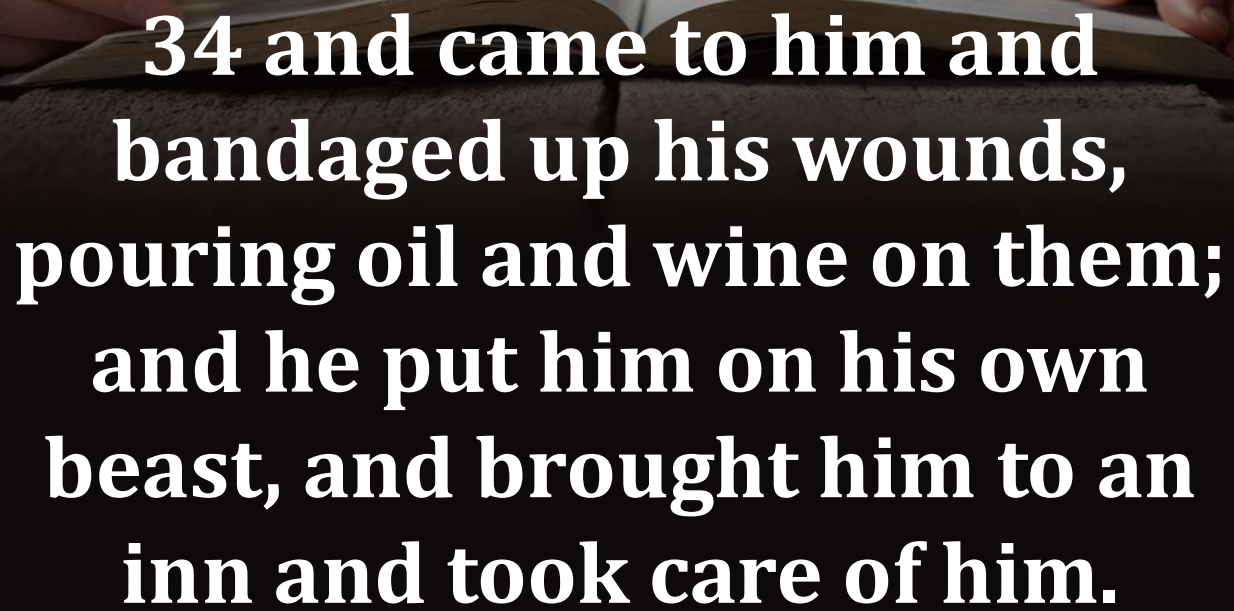
28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

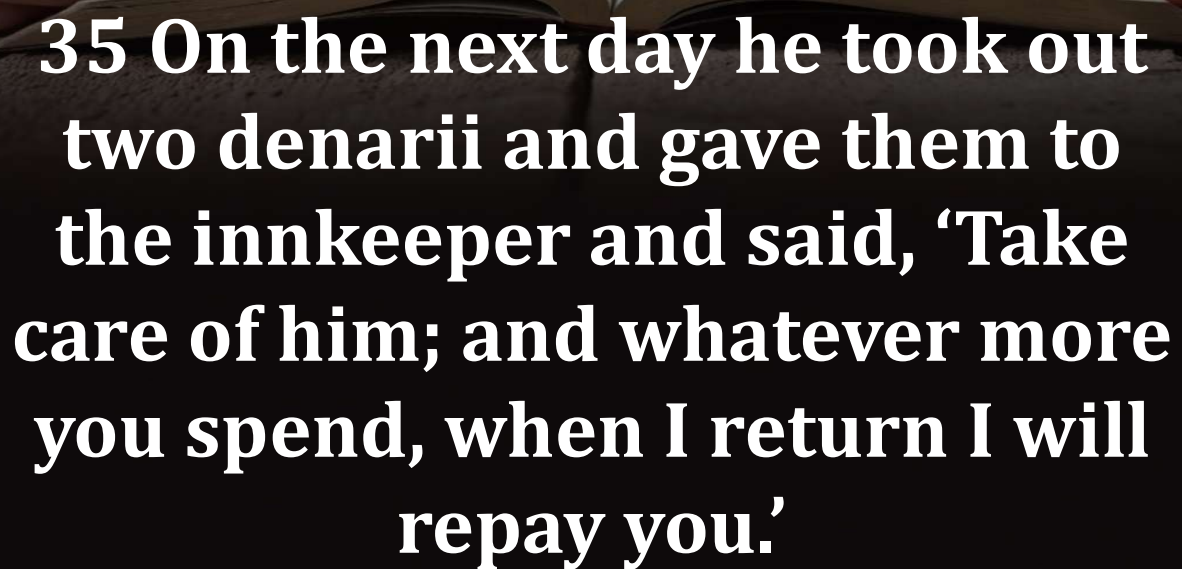
30 Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

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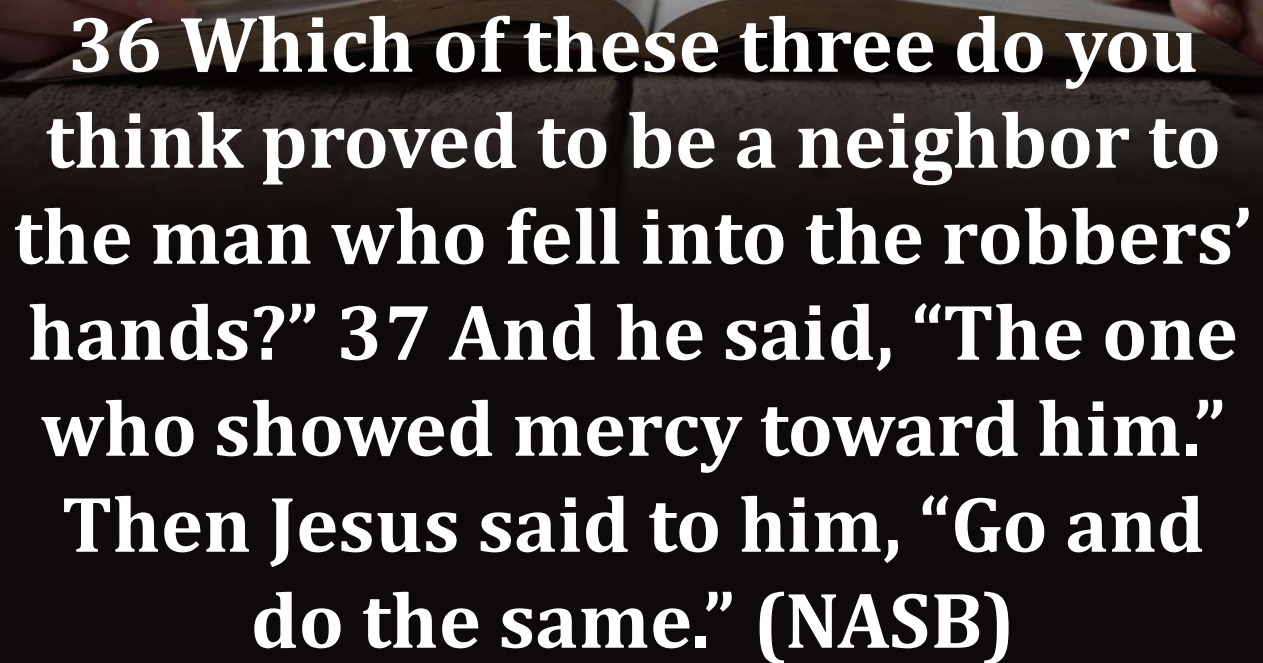
32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,

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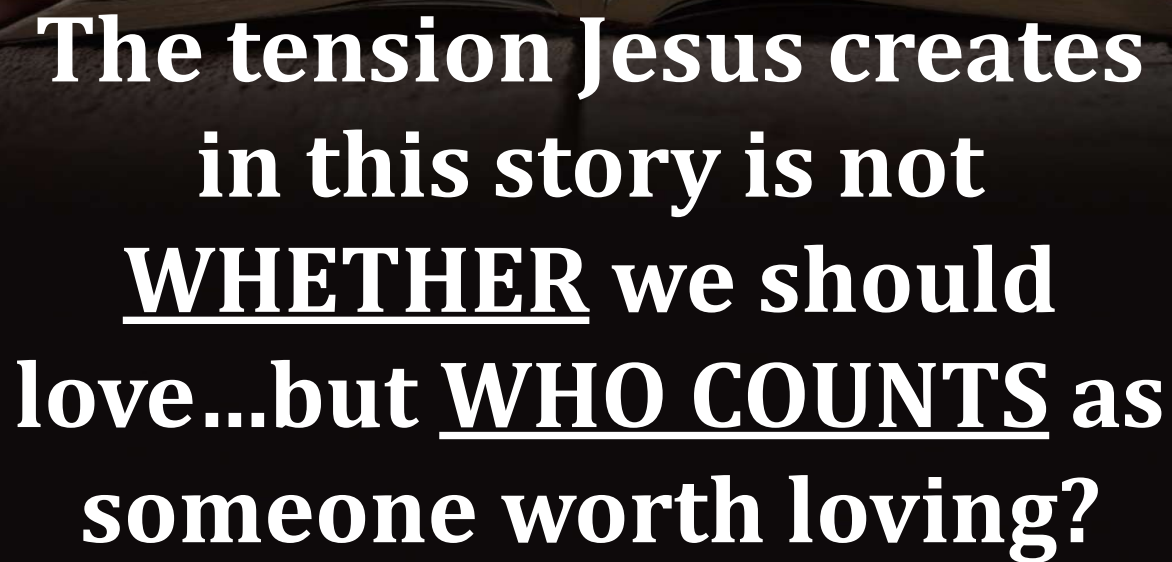
**34 and came to him and
bandaged up his wounds,
pouring oil and wine on them;
and he put him on his own
beast, and brought him to an
inn and took care of him.**



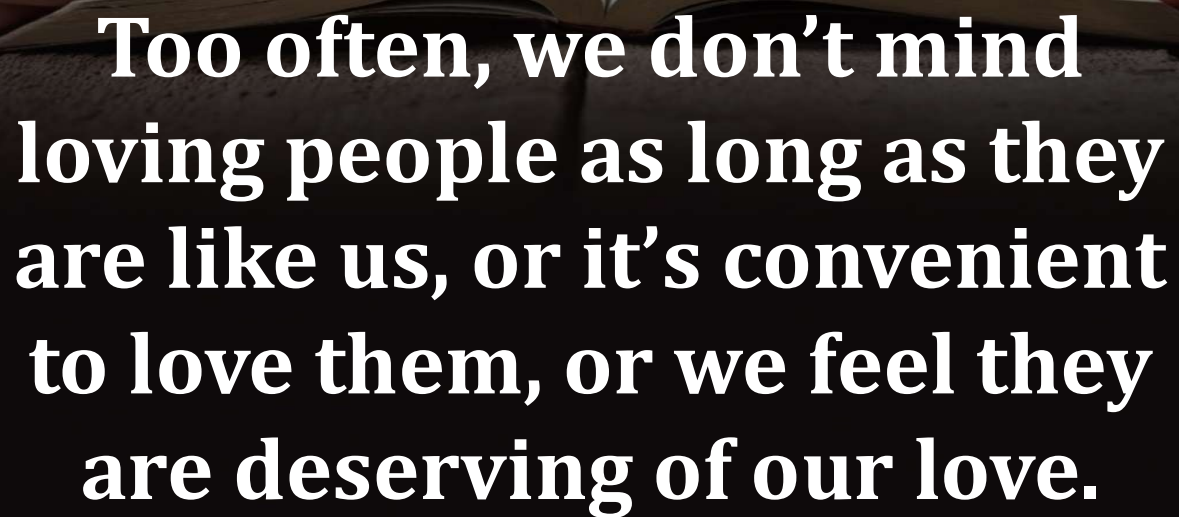
35 On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'

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36 Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same." (NASB)



The tension Jesus creates
in this story is not
WHETHER we should
love...but WHO COUNTS as
someone worth loving?



Too often, we don't mind loving people as long as they are like us, or it's convenient to love them, or we feel they are deserving of our love.

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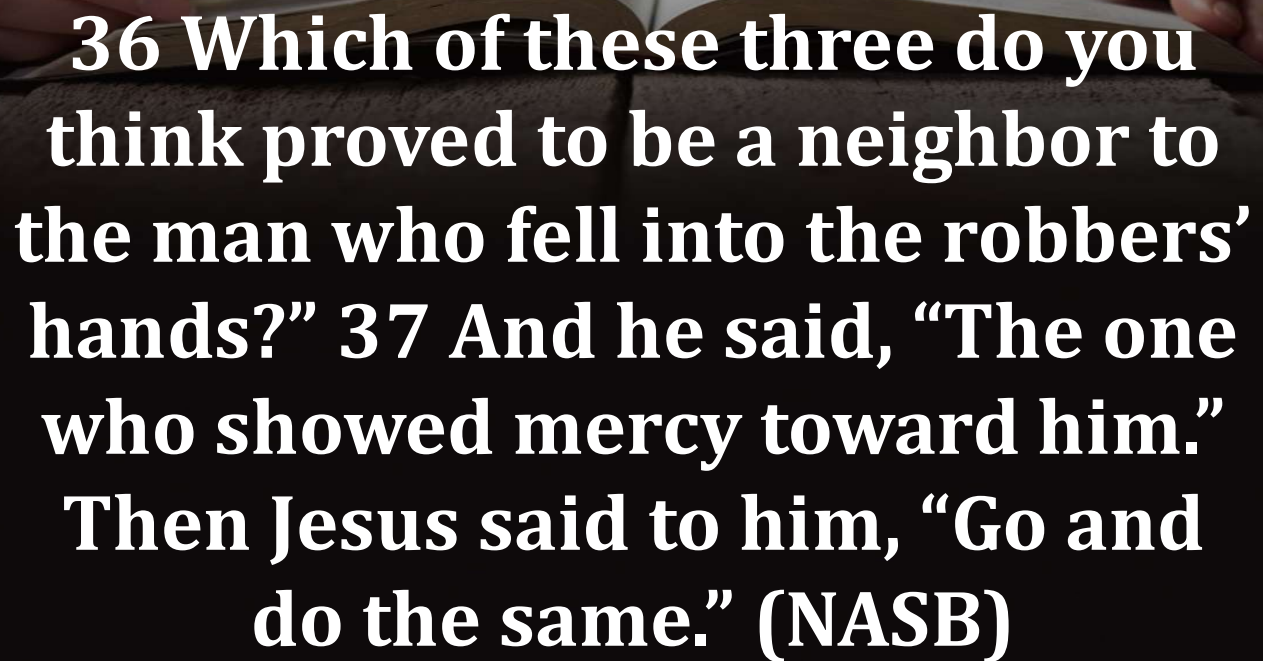
4 Things Love Requires

1. Risk

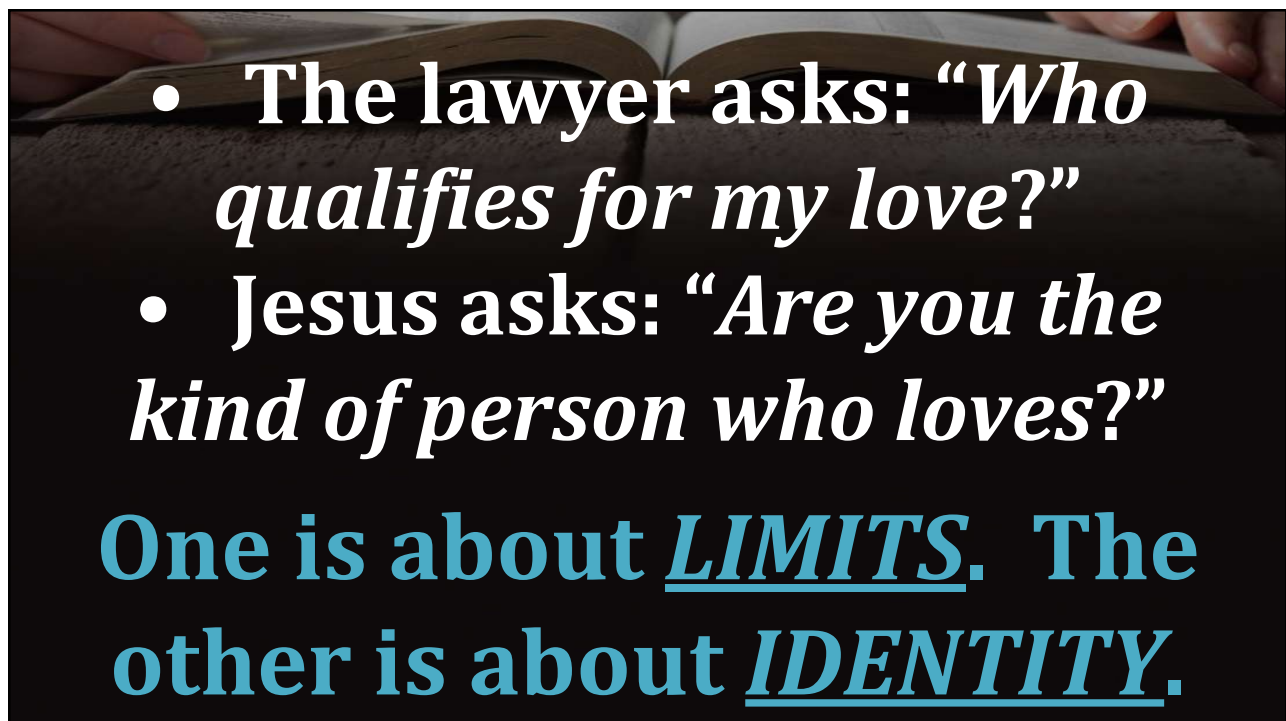
2. Personal Involvement

3. Time

4. Money

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Religion says: *“Be the Good Samaritan.”*

The gospel says: *“Jesus was the Good Samaritan for you.”*

It's only when you understand this...that you can begin to love like Jesus!



How do I love like Jesus?

- 1. Stop drawing lines**
- 2. Move toward the inconvenient**
- 3. Love across boundaries**



**You can't "*go and do*" until
you come and receive!**

- **Receive the mercy of the true
Good Samaritan**
- **Receive the grace you didn't earn**
- **Receive the love that crossed
every boundary**



**The question is no longer:
*“Who is my neighbor?”***

**But: *“Am I becoming a
neighbor... because of what
Christ has done for me?”***