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Luke 10:25-37

And behold, **a certain lawyer** stood up and **tested** Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" :26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your **reading** of it?" :27 So he answered and said, "'You shall 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.' " :28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." :29 But he, **wanting to justify himself**, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" :30 Then Jesus answered and said (now the casting of truth "parable" descends upon the man): "A **certain man** went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a **certain priest** came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a **certain** Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" :37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This Act of Doing Good is No Stranger to Us.

We don't see as much of it as we once did – or it just may feel that way

I would love to have you tell your "Samaritan" story;

When some stranger helped you or you helped some stranger.

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

1.) The will of God for me ?

v.25-29

THE WILL OF GOD FOR ME ?

1a.) That my **faith** be secured

v.25

And behold, **a certain lawyer** stood up and **tested** Him, saying,
"Teacher, what shall I **do** to inherit eternal life?"

wanting to **justify himself** δικαίωω **dikaioo**, *dik-ah-yo'-o*; to make a showing of being “just” or “innocent” = a man who does rightly. He was most likely employed to know and appoint religious law and interpretations for the Sadducees and Pharisees

:25 **He is “a certain lawyer”**

“what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

is key to understanding this parable. The man is not hostile, he is not posing - its an honest question.

This man is at the top of his game.

Everybody would have walked around town doubting their own salvation but when they looked at him – they knew he was a shoe-in. - - funny isn't it, that he didn't know security himself. he didn't have any assurance. Why?

THE WILL OF GOD FOR ME ?

1b.) That my **belief be a reality**

v.26-27

:26 **He (Jesus) said to him,** **“What is *written* in the law? What is your *reading* of it?”**

Jesus directs the Inquirer to The Bible

“What is *written* in the law? What is your *reading* of it?” (lets see if you understand it right)

What is your reading of it?”

Are you *P.C.* or *T.C.* in your worldview of life ? “I believe in God *but I also think....*

“I believe the Bible is the word of God *but I also think....*

2 Peter 3:16

as also in all his (Paul's) epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, **which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**

But Not This Guy, He Has It Down

What is your reading of it?” Does this book have absolute authority over your life? Are you a willing slave to what is written in this book.

:27 **So he answered and said, (1) - ““*You shall LOVE the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, And (2) - ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”***

the man's answer is absolutely brilliant and insightful.

There were some 1,200 laws and 613 commands in Judaism
Out of all of them this man deduces the summation of them all

Deut. 6:4

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

But never are these two commands found together in the Old Testament.

Lev. 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

this questions is presented in a mixed audience.

The Pharisees believed in the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees did not.

Matt. 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. **35** Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, **36** "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" **37** Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

All the other good things are not the most important thing. Stop focusing on the minors, get fixed on the major thing!

THE WILL OF GOD FOR ME ?

1c.) That my actions be generous

v.28-29

:28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; **do this** and you will live."
:29 But he, **wanting to justify himself**, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

*Jesus, I need the parameters of that. at what point does this love kick in.
"what (kind, type, status) of neighbor am I to love?"*

:28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; (you are perfectly orthodox – your theology is textbook perfect) **do this** and you will live."

The man is a lawyer of the law – he knows all you need to know about the law and keeping it and what to do when you broke one.

:29 But he, **wanting to justify himself**, said to Jesus,

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

2.) The heart of God in me ?

v.30-32

Jesus now Illustrates the Truth of God's Word Fearlessly.

THE HEART OF GOD IN ME ?

2a.) He's concerned about suffering

v.30

:30 Then Jesus answered and said (now Jesus is truth-casting a "parable" which descends upon the man's hearing): "A **certain man** went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

Note What is Not Said Here; "It's a certain man"
(was he black or white? Is he rich? was he democrat or republican?)

Jesus paints the scene in the mind of His questioner;
"Well that's what the guy deserves for taking that road."

Regardless of the situation or circumstance
= we are to love and to care.

Do you know historically - it's been the Christian who has stepped up and provided love and acts of love like no other. Do you know that currently Christian's and Christian organizers are the very best at

mobilizing and reaching the hurting? I know of Christian ministries who have responded to disasters who had to disguise their names, their banners, their logo's so that other indigenous religion(s) wouldn't attack them or kill them.

SO WHY HELP IN THE FACE OF SUCH DANGERS ?
Jesus Christ "Compels" Us to Bring Relief to the Hurting.

THE HEART OF GOD IN ME ?

2b.) He's serious about justice

v.31

31 *Now by chance a certain priest came down that road.
And when he (1) saw him, he passed by on the other side.*

This is a man knowledgeable of the regulations of man toward God.

**Religious Positions and Titles Carrying
No Influence with God.**

(what would have been in this guys mind?)

Too Busy? - Better Than? - This Poor Unfortunate Soul Isn't on Our Team?

THE HEART OF GOD IN ME ?

2c.) He's intolerant about hypocrisy

v.32

32 *Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, (2) came and looked, and passed by on the other side.*

A man responsible for the relationship between God and the nation.

This Levite Almost Got Involved

**Can you imagine this wounded man seeing "Help Arriving"
only to have hope walk away from him ?**

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

3.) The love of God through me

v.33-37

THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH ME ?

3a.) Cares for the things of God

v.33

33 *But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. (felt the feeling) And when he saw him, he had compassion.*

Historical Background:

What's a SAMARITAN and what's the big deal anyway?

For some 200 years Israel had been divided, 10 tribes in the north, 2 tribes in the south. But when the 2 kingdoms were attacked by the Assyrian Empire and taken captive, the Assyrians sold off some of the Jews into slavery, some went to Babylon (known as the 70 year Babylon captivity) while the Assyrians sowed foreigners into the Promised land to destroy the Jewish culture (worship) system once and for all. But when the nation was allowed to return to the promised land to

rebuild Jerusalem and the temple – the half-breed Assyrian-Hebrews wanted to help (Nehemiah) but they were not allowed to. So they built their own temple down the street in Samaria. These Samaritans were never accepted by the pure, orthodox Jews – in fact they despised one another bitterly.

John 4:5-9

So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. :7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. :9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

Remember Now

This Parable deals with the 2 greatest commandments of God. This argument appears 2 times in Matthew's gospel, 1 time in Mark, 1 time in Luke, Romans, Galatians and in James. (it's a central theme of theology and life)

"And who is my neighbor?"

*If a "Samaritan" is my neighbor – then all others are my neighbor.
If a "Samaritan" is my neighbor – then loving all others is easy*

Jesus is saying,

"if you're going to be my disciple – you must not pick and choose who you will love or not love."

We cannot justify our hate or dislike of others.

THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH ME ?

3b.) Cares for the things of man

v.34-35

34 *So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.* 35 *On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you."*

it's a sad time in Christianity these days.

some so-called Christians spend more time finding faults and disagreeing with other Christians publicly – I mark them personally.

Rom. 16:17

Now I urge you, brethren, note those (Modern Day Pharisees) who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH ME ?

3c.) Cares for the things of all

v.34-35

36 *So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" :37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."* Then Jesus said to him, *"Go and do likewise."*

"I don't have to do that. I'm not under the law.

(are you sure? – you are under the spirit of the law aren't you ?)

*Jesus said if you look at a woman, man – you're guilty of adultery.
Jesus said if you want what that man has – you're guilty of stealing.*

The God-Given Moral Code or Law

Romans 2:14-15

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)

Then Jesus said to him, ***“Go and do likewise.”***

James 2:14-16

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

***We do not earn eternal life because we love others.
We love others because we possess eternal life.***

“Go and do likewise.”

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1. Stop Being Prejudiced Towards Others.
2. Our Neighbor is Everybody Else Around Us.
3. We Cannot Receive Salvation thru Human Efforts

**So Church, I Place You Under Orders;
Lets open our eyes to see
with compassion in our hearts and help in our hands.**

Our Dependence Upon The Holy Spirit

>>>> The Cross, The Christ, The Call <<<<

End of Study

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