



"The Parable of the Good Samaritan!"

Luke 10:27-37

The thought this morning: As you travel on the way and road to Heaven...that you show kindness along the way to those who are truly hurting and need the help! It could literally be anyone, and God will place these people right in your path!

- Jesus shows in Luke 10:27-28, that Loving Jesus with everything, and then loving your neighbor as yourself is **THE heart behind this entire life!**
- This Parable is about **"Who is my neighbor?"**
- How does this flesh out with **"Who is my neighbor?" It is anyone!**
- **1 Thessalonians 2:8, Acts 20:5, Philippians 2:4 and Proverbs 11:25**

1. A Jewish man.

- **Luke 10:30** – **"A Jewish man..."**
- See, in **verse 29**, the Jews had various ideas about who would be in the category of "neighbor."
- Was it the family next door? Was it the tribes and clans? Was it a certain religious group (A Pharisee's neighbor would be other Pharisee's) etc...
- Yet, for the Jews, the **"circle"** of neighbors was confined to just Israel in their minds.
- What was conveniently forgotten, was **Leviticus 19:34** in which it was required that all Israelites were to treat **RESIDENT strangers** like fellow Israelites. (This was not people ignoring the law of the land, and just doing what they wanted to get into Israel...these was people who already lived in that area and were allowed into Israel.)
- This man was jumped by a group of robbers. They stripped him of his clothing and belongings, beat him and left him for dead!
- Please understand this today...that if you don't know their need because they are hiding it or refuse to share it...**you can't be a help!** That is on them! Do not beat yourself up with saying "Why wasn't I there or I could have done something." People isolate themselves and hide things all of the time. **IF YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN...YOU WOULD HAVE HELPED!** *Isolation cuts everyone off from you!*

2. A Priest.

- **Luke 10:31**
- Here is the top leader in the church at that time traveling away from Jerusalem and the Temple.

- **Numbers 5:2** shows that a priest at that time had to avoid ceremonial defilement from a dead body. But, that is IF the priest was on duty and serving.
- Obviously, this was not the case because this guy is **traveling** and off "duty".
- This leader did not live a true life of leading! To leave someone half dead and not help...a sin! Was he afraid of getting robbed? Was he "off duty" and did not want to put the effort in for more hours? **WHO KNOWS!** But, he should have helped and did not!
- You don't leave a person half dead on the road! **Luke 10:31** – "passed by on the other side"

3. A Levite.

- **Luke 10:32** – "Likewise, a Temple Worker or Levite..."
- This is a little more shocking than the Priest because the Levites worked with groups of orphans and widows to help them. You would think that there would be compassion for the wounded. But, again...we don't know why! What we do know is that he should have! "Likewise...he passed on the other side!"
- It is crazy because when a healthy person sees a hurting person...They want to help! They want to help make that person healthy!
- I do not know of one hurting person that wants to keep hurting!
- Again, you can't help if they keep you at a distance! Take that pressure off of you!

4. The Samaritan.

- **Luke 10:33** – "But a Samaritan..."
- Every listener that was hearing Jesus teach this would have put their money on an Jewish Israelite coming along next to be the hero!!!
- But, Jesus throws a wrench in their prejudices! The last person that they would have ever thought to be the hero of the story was a Samaritan!
- Jews regarded Samaritans as foreigners, and avoided sharing anything with them **John 4:9**.
- Calling a Jew a Samaritan was a huge insult! You are a dog! A pig! **John 8:48**
- **Fact: God has made your life to be Band-Aid for somebody!** God has made your life the wine to cleanse the wound! God has made your life the oil for the healing!
- **Luke 10:33-34** – "Compassion...bound up his wounds...oil...wine...his own animal and took him to an inn to take care of him."
- **Your life is exactly what a person needs to get help! Why?**
- Because you have already found help from Jesus as He has cleansed you, bandaged all of your wounds and healed you!

Closing: **Luke 10:35** shows us the HEART of a person who helps!

- Jesus paid it all for us! We are to help others in His Name!
- Jesus in **verse 36** – "which of these three PROVED to be a neighbor to that man?"
- **Verse 37** – "The one who SHOWED him mercy!"
- **Verse 37** – "You go, and DO likewise!" **Psalm 147:3** / **1 Corinthians 9:19-22**
- **Why help?** Because you have been helped and healed! **1 John 3:18**