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A COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOR

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Text: Luke 10:25-37

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Rule

"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? 27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. 28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, 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 on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise." (Luke 10:25-37)

INTRODUCTION

- parable of Good Samaritan
- Christians advance their faith in love

1. THE Test OF THE LAWYER (v. 25)

- religious lawyer - interpret the Law

A. The plan of the Lawyer

B. The wisdom of Jesus - answers with question

HE AVOIDS DEBATE

"But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain." (Titus 3:9)

HE LOOKS TO THE SCRIPTURE

Quote: "Our Lord sent the man back to the Law, not because the Law saves us, but because the Law shows us that we need to be saved."

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20)

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

C. The hypocrisy of the Lawyer - "Who is my neighbor?"

Quote: "We get the impression that the man was not seeking truth, but was only trying to involve Jesus in a debate that he hoped he would win. The lawyer proved to be evasive when it came to facing truth honestly and obeying it."—Warren Wiersbe

2. THE Testimony OF A SAMARITAN (v. 30-35)

A. A dangerous Journey from Jerusalem to Jericho
(down to Jericho)

B. A dismissive Leadership - religious leaders

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute, of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:14-16)

THE PRIEST PASSES BY on the other side

"If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." (James 1:26-27)

THE LEVITE PASSES BY - on the other side

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17)

C. A dedicated Samaritan (hated minority)

HE HAD COMPASSION

Quote: "Compassion is your hurt in my heart."

"And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things." (Mark 6:34)

HE LOOKED BEYOND SOCIAL PREJUDICE

"Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans." (John 4:9)

"Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth: 18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him." (Proverbs 24:17-18)

HE WENT TO THE WOUNDED

HE BOUND HIS WOUNDS - gave first aid

HE GAVE TO HIM

"Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:20-21)

Quote: "He moved it from duty to love, from debating to doing. To be sure, our Lord was not condemning discussions or debates; He was only warning us not to use these things as excuses for doing nothing."

*"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor; that ye through his poverty might be rich."
(2 Corinthians 8:9)*

Quote: - Ministry that costs nothing accomplishes nothing!

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." (Proverbs 19:17)

3. THE Teaching OF THE SAVIOR (v. 36-37)

A. The question of Jesus

B. The commission of Jesus - command

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" (1 Peter 2:21)

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die." (Romans 5:6-7)

*"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."
(Luke 19:10)*

*"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."
(1 John 1:7)*

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24)

"...I will come again..." (John 14:3)

CONCLUSION



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