

# The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37





# Introduction:

- Why is it that we hear so little about the good Samaritan?
- How much better might the world be if there were more like the one we learn about in this story?
- How can we be like the good Samaritan?

The Good Samaritan

The image features a silhouette of a Samaritan on the right side of a path, leaning over to help a traveler who has fallen on the left side of the path. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with rolling green hills under a pale sky.

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# We Learn That We're Accountable To Love!

- The lawyer knew what he needed to do.  
***Luke 10:25-29***

- The truth is knowable. ***Eph. 3:4; 5:17***

- We must not try to rationalize our way out of doing what God has commanded!  
***Luke 10:29, 37***

- We must keep God's commands if we want eternal life! ***Luke 10:25; 1 John 5:2-4***



# Who Is My Neighbor?

- The lawyer attempted to justify himself from the responsibility of loving others than Israelites. ***Deut. 10:17-19; Lev. 19:33-34***
- We cannot let our own way replace God's!  
***Proverbs 14:12; 1 Corinthians 4:6***
- Everyone and anyone is your neighbor!
  - It is the main principle and command in ***Matthew 7:12. a.k.a. "The Golden Rule"***
- If we choose our own way we reject God's way. ***John 12:48; Jeremiah 2:13***



# How Can I Love My Neighbor?

- Love is faith in action. ***Galatians 5:6***
  - It thinks of those in need as Christ himself.  
***Matthew 25:40***
- Love seeks the others well being. ***Phil. 2:3-4***
  - It does good to those who ask, goes the extra mile, doesn't reject, blesses those who curse you, does good to those who hate you, and prays for those who use and persecute you.  
***Matthew 5:41-44***
  - It does good to all as you have the opportunity.  
***Galatians 6:10***



# Be Like the Good Samaritan!

- Not like the priest: (I can't get involved?)
  - The priest passed by, and didn't even try to help.
- Not like the Levite: (He's not my neighbor, I don't know him?) Did nothing to help!
- The Samaritan had compassion on him.
  - His care, caused him to be selfless, not selfish.
    - Not what's it going to cost me?, but he needs help!
  - He became a medic, ambulance, nurse, and helper to the man who was left half dead.
  - He sacrificed for a stranger!



# Jesus Had Him Answer His Own Question...

- “So which of the three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” And he said, “He (the Samaritan) who showed mercy on him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”
- The Samaritan had more knowledge and ***chutzpa*** to do what was right than the priest and Levite. So should we!



# Conclusion:

- We must always have the moral courage to do what is right. Even if it comes to going the extra mile and sacrificial work to keep God's commands. ***John 14:15***
- Let us strive to keep this second of the greatest commands and love our neighbors as ourselves. ***Matthew 22:39***
- Love and obey Jesus today and be saved! ***Rom. 10:10, 17; Acts 3:19; 22:16***