



GOOD SAMARITAN – LIFE OF LOVE

Luke 10:25-37 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘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, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Lucas 10:25-37 En esto se presentó un experto en la ley y, para poner a prueba a Jesús, le hizo esta pregunta:

—Maestro, ¿qué tengo que hacer para heredar la vida eterna?

²⁶ Jesús replicó: —¿Qué está escrito en la ley? ¿Cómo la interpretas tú?

²⁷ Como respuesta el hombre citó:

—“Ama al Señor tu Dios con todo tu corazón, con todo tu ser, con todas tus fuerzas y con toda tu mente”, y: “Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo”.

²⁸ —Bien contestado —le dijo Jesús—. Haz eso y vivirás.

²⁹ Pero él quería justificarse, así que le preguntó a Jesús:

—¿Y quién es mi prójimo?

³⁰ Jesús respondió:

—Bajaba un hombre de Jerusalén a Jericó, y cayó en manos de unos ladrones. Le quitaron la ropa, lo golpearon y se fueron, dejándolo medio muerto.

³¹ Resulta que viajaba por el mismo camino un sacerdote quien, al verlo, se desvió y siguió de largo.

³² Así también llegó a aquel lugar un levita y, al verlo, se desvió y siguió de largo. ³³ Pero un samaritano que iba de viaje llegó adonde estaba el hombre y, viéndolo, se compadeció de él. ³⁴ Se acercó, le curó las heridas con vino y aceite, y se las vendó. Luego lo montó sobre su propia cabalgadura, lo llevó a un alojamiento y lo cuidó. ³⁵ Al día siguiente, sacó dos monedas de plata y se las dio al dueño del alojamiento. “Cuídemelo —le dijo—, y lo que gaste usted de más, se lo pagaré cuando yo vuelva”.

³⁶ ¿Cuál de estos tres piensas que demostró ser el prójimo del que cayó en manos de los ladrones?

³⁷ —El que se compadeció de él —contestó el experto en la ley.

—Anda entonces y haz tú lo mismo —concluyó Jesús.

Life is found in loving others.

Love when it is messy and inconvenient. Love when it is uncomfortable.

Love when there is no reward—when it costs you dearly.

1 John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Love everyone.

Matthew 5:43-47 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?”

Especially your family.

1 Timothy 5:8 Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Especially your spiritual family.

Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Especially your “neighbor”.

The compulsion to love is based on who you are.

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The level of love Jesus is asking for is unattainable.

Those in need of saving need a Savior.