



Parables – The Good Samaritan
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Luke 10:25-37

What is the secret to a good and beautiful life?

Love God, love people, and love yourself (in that order). Do it with all that you are—mind, body, soul, and strength.

“Good Samaritan” is like saying “good Neo-Nazi” and “kindhearted sexual predator.” It’s shocking and scandalous to Jesus’ hearers.

“Which of these... proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ ... ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ ... ‘You go, and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:36-37)

Mercy = radical kindness, gracious favor shown to an enemy, a costly demonstration of unexpected love

Jesus says our neighbor is anyone in our path who is in need— regardless of their language, religion, political party, immigration status, or ethnicity. If they are a human being made in the image of God, they are our neighbor.

To whom is God calling you to be a neighbor? _____

The Great Surprise: Who are you in the parable?

• We are the person in the ditch. Jesus is the Good Samaritan.

