
Showing Compassion
Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a certain ^[a]lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*”

²⁷ So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among ^[b]thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, 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. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, ^[c]when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

³⁷ And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Have you become a comfortable Christian? Are you comfortably saved? Do you not wish to have your agenda disturbed?

We need compassion – a feeling of deep sympathy for another that is also accompanied by a desire to alleviate the pain.

Compassion happens on the inside of you.

We can all be totally self-absorbed.

“We must have a passion for God.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Showing compassion will:

Inconvenience You (v30)

Pain never comes at a convenient time.

It was inconvenient for the priest to stop and help the wounded man

“If we’re really going to be on mission with Jesus there has to be this compassion in us, but this compassion will require you to be inconvenienced.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Cost you (v33)

The Samaritan stopped and helped the wounded man and offered to pay any additional costs for him.

Cost to the Samaritan was in wages, resources, and follow-up.

“Gifts should be used to point people to Jesus.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Rewarding (v36)

Be about caring for your neighbor, but it requires having compassion.

“Your neighbor is the person in front of you who is hurting.” – Pastor Billy Johnson