**The Good Samaritan
reason within a reason**
Luke 10
who is my neighbor? Everybody!!
That day. Language separated. Galileans: Greek, Romans Latin, Hebrews, Aramaic, dress,

*Perfect love precludes any rules.*

*Love the Lord….., "Look, I can't love God like that.  I can't love God all the time perfectly with all my faculties, and I can't love every person around me with a perfect love the same way I love myself.  I can't do that.  I haven't done that.  I'm not capable of that.  I won't do that in the future.  I admit my inability.  I live in constant violation of this standard.
wishing to justify himself*

*who is my neighbor…I'm pretty good with them.*

*ooops, enemies, sick, poor, Samaritans!!!*

A pretend story, Jesus made it up

Samaritans: half -breed heretics
Only believed Pentatuch didn't know David, prophets, Temple
had built their own temple up in Samaria and on Gerizim.
One time, Jews destroyed their temple, bad blood
Who is the perfect Good Samaritan? What if we were the one bleeding and near death
And you can't help but see that it's Jesus himself.
Jesus comes along and when nobody else stops and nobody else can heal you, he takes you up. He carries you. And he pays the entire shot, not only the short term debt but the long term debt so that you will not be enslaved. He pays for it all himself, and he goes after the despised and the broken and the bleeding and the dead when nobody else does, as he goes on the way to the cross.

"Go ahead. Do this and you shall live," the whole flow of the narrative shows that what Jesus is really saying, "Go ahead, be perfect and live." Of course that exposes why it's impossible for anybody to get into heaven that way. We're all bankrupt.

We live in constant violation of this standard. We cannot be perfect as the Father in heaven is perfect. We cannot be holy as He is holy.

Eternal life is not inherited, and at the end of the day, it is not gained by all the stuff we do.

But our actions, point people to Jesus, who alone saves.

To love, to put yourself in danger, to inconvenience yourself—like Jesus did—takes courage. But to shrink from love because of fear is ultimately much more dangerous.

Give yourself Margin to be a Good Samaritan. make time.
driving through snowstorm, should have stopped.

say “no” to good things so you can say “yes” to the essential things.
hey taught their kids that the wrong things in their lives were the most important. They so filled up their lives with the marginal that they eliminated any space for the essential.

It's not about who qualifies, it's about the character of your love.

**1. Be Aware**

*“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man,... Luke 10:33*You’ve got to be aware. You have to pay attention. You have to put up your antenna. You have to start looking at people and listening to people and looking for the clues that say, “I’m in pain.”

God intentionally allows sick people in your life to give you the opportunity to learn to love. Those people are not accidentally in your life. Who’s our model for this? God. The Bible says in Psalm 106:44 *God saw their misery and heard their cry*.

Be aware of the struggles
Christians: most persecuted group in the world by far
with approximately 90,000 killed for their faith in 2016,

Prejudice: Blacks matter, Asians, Whites, rich, poor. men. women, children.
Trafficking: 83 percent of victims in confirmed sex trafficking cases in this country were American citizens. Human trafficking, believed to be the third-largest criminal activity in the world

**2. Show Compassion**he felt compassion for him Luke 10:33

**Accept it**
Acceptance means removing the embarrassment that someone might experience being sick. I don’t know why, but we get embarrassed about our sicknesses. We get embarrassed about our illnesses. We don’t want people to know. But it’s not a sin to be sick. It’s not a lack of faith. It’s just part of being human.

One of the illnesses that we need to de-stigmatize is HIV/AIDS. It’s considered a sexually transmitted disease, so people wind up feeling an extra sense of judgment and rejection when they suffer with it. Too many people have been fired, shunned, and banned from being part of an organization because of HIV/AIDS. But Jesus welcomed those stigmatized by illness into his life, and we should as well.

**Give Hope**We need to give people living with sickness the gift of hope. People can handle almost anything in life if they have hope. One of the ways you can give people hope is through a word of encouragement.

Other ways might come through physical expressions of affection like  a touch, a hug, or a pat on the back to show your a concern. That gives people hope.

**3. Be There**Going over to him Luke 10:34

Lieutenant Commander, Command Chaplain of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific near San Diego and one of our CB Chaplains, was once asked to meet a husband in the hallway of the hospital and usher him to the conference room where the doctor would give the husband the news that his wife had died. Johnny did this, and then accompanied the husband to his wife's room where the husband burst into tears. Johnny tells the story, "I gently put my hand on his right shoulder. I could not help but shed tears too. They had been married only a year. All the scripture verses and comforting words I knew seemed to fall short of what I wanted to say. I knew that at this point in time, all he needed was my ministry of presence….After 30 minutes he came to me and said, 'Thank you chaplain, I greatly appreciate your help.'" Sometimes, our simple presence is enough encouragement to others.

Jesus said, 'And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded." (Matthew 10:42 NLT) God wants us to give our presence to each other in moments of need.

**4. Do What you Can**
*Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him.  Luke 10: 34*

*soothed, "pouring" ….. Literally he just generously washes over the man with this wine and oil. He's not dabbing it in there. It's the lavishness; it's the generosity of this that is being emphasized with the use of this...of this verb.*

Golden Rule
***“Do****to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets. Matthew 7:12*

***do*** *what it says….James 1:22*Medicines are a gift from God. We’re to use them. Presumption is when we ignore what God has provided. Medicines are a gift from God and you should use them without shame or without hesitance.

The Good Samaritan went out of his way to help the guy who was mugged on the side of the road and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He was using the best medicines he had available at that moment. He pours some alcohol on the wounds, which disinfects them. Then he pours oil on the wounds to soothe them.

Prevention is part of caring for the sick. How do you prevent sickness? You teach health habits.

Around the world, millions of people need to learn basic health habits that all of us take for granted. Much of the world doesn’t know that you can stay a lot healthier by just washing your hands. Another thing would simply be to boil water to get the germs out of it. A small provision such as bed nets – a mosquito net placed over one’s bed so the mosquitoes can’t bite them – would save millions of people from being sick.

**Pray**

Prayer is asking God to heal people who are sick. All healing comes from God, no matter the method He uses. He can use doctors. He can use medicine. He can use natural techniques. He can work a miracle.

God heals people many different ways. Doctors will tell you they cannot heal. They can perform procedures, but the healing has to be God doing it in your life. God uses doctors; God uses medicine; and God uses miracles.

Here’s the question… Will you do anything about this and the sick people in your life? There are sick people around you.

The Bible calls Jesus the Great Physician. He is the cure to the ailments in your life. When it comes to guilt, worry, depression, fear, bitterness, boredom, loneliness, etc., he is the great physician who heals physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

**5. Stay Connected**
**35**The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins,[[e](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+10&version=NLT" \l "fen-NLT-25367e" \o "See footnote e)] telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ Luke 10:35

an inn would cost one-twelfth of a denarii, which would be twenty-four days worth; so somewhere between a month and two months room and board.

OVER THE TOP only through Christ
Haven been given a capacity to love, even though it's not all it should be, may we increase in our love for God and our love for others

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