

2 Timothy 3:16-17 AMP - All Scripture is God-breathed [given] by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honourably with personal integrity and moral courage]; so that the man of God may be complete and proficient, outfitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

#### What is a Parable

A parable is, literally, something "cast alongside" something else. Jesus' parables were stories that were "cast alongside" a truth in order to illustrate that truth.

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#### The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25 - 37

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

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 neighbour as yourself.'"

And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

#### The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25 - 37

Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 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. On the next day, 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.'

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So which of these three do you think was neighbour to him who fell among the thieves?"

And he said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

### The Question

What shall I do to inherit eternal life?

## The Response

He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

#### The Answer

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 neighbour as yourself.' "

Jesus replies - "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

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# So where is the boundary?

The Hebrew meaning of the word Neighbour – someone I have a association with

The Greek meaning of the word Neighbour – someone who is near.

# The Story

- A man travels on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and is mugged
- A Priest arrives on the scene, taking a wide birth passes him by
- A Levite arrives on the scene, taking a wide birth passes him by

### Quote – Clarke

Priest and Levite are mentioned here, partly because they were the most frequent travellers on this road, and partly to show that these were the persons who, from the nature of their office, were most obliged to perform works of mercy; and from whom a person in distress had a right to expect immediate help and comfort; and their inhuman conduct here was a flat breach of the law."

# The Story

- A man travels on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho and is mugged
- A Priest arrives on the scene, taking a wide birth passes him by
- A Levite arrives on the scene, taking a wide birth passes him by
- A Samaritan arrives on the scene...

In the ancient world, relations between Jews and Samaritans were indeed strained. Josephus reports a number of unpleasant events: Samaritans harass Jewish pilgrims traveling through Samaria between Galilee and Judea, Samaritans scatter human bones in the Jerusalem sanctuary, and Jews in turn burn down Samaritan villages. The very notion of "the good Samaritan" (Luke 10:25-37) only makes sense in a context in which Samaritans were viewed with suspicion and hostility by Jews in and around Jerusalem.

Luke 10:33 - But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.

#### Acts of the Samaritan

- He bandaged his wounds
- Poured oil to help with pain and wine to clean
- Put him on his own donkey
- Bought him to an Inn
- Took care of him
- Stopped over night
- He gave him two denarii (1 = days wage)
- Told the in keeper to spare no expense
- Came back to check on him

## Where to take the story now

- Our need to provide social care for those in most need
- Talk about loving your enemy and those who you do not like
- I could talk about the cost that was involved.

## Take it to its highest level

- Who is my Neighbour?
- The Hebrew meaning of the word Neighbour someone I have a association with
- The Greek meaning of the word Neighbour someone who is near.

Luke 6:32-36 - "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

### Questions to Ponder

Are you really willing to help those you do not know, do not like?

Are there times when someone does not deserve my help?

How far are you willing to go to help someone or is my first thought to put a boundary around how far I will go.

What about boundaries... is it always yes?

What about my heart...

How should my heart be

What do my answers say about my heart