

ONCE UPON A TIME

The Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

²⁵ 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 fell into the hands of 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, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins 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.”**

“LOVE IS FUNDAMENTALLY MORE ACTION THAN EMOTION.” – Tim Keller

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)

¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no **pity on him**, how can the love of God be in him? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with **words or tongue** but with **actions and in truth**.

CROSSING THE ROAD WILL COST YOU SOMETHING EVERY TIME

Luke 6:32-36 (NIV)

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵ **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.** Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

John 15:13 (NLT)

¹³ There is **no greater love** than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 3:16-17 (NLT)

¹⁶ "For **this is how God loved** the world: He gave his one and only Son, **so that** everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, **but to save the world through him**.