

## Revival with the Holy Spirit: Be A Neighbor

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[Luk 10:25-37 NASB95] 25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 And He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?" 27 And he answered, "YOU SHALL 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 YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." 28 And He said to him, "You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE." 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 "But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on [them;] and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 "On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' 36 "Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' [hands?]" 37 And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

- What does Revival look like to you? A series of powerful meetings every night for a week? More church services where there is freedom to dance and shout for Jesus?
- Does it look like praying for people who are hurting to receive Christ, handing out food to the hungry, visiting people who are sick, or giving money to someone who is about to lose their housing?
- What if revival looks like all the above? It does.
- Dr. Lee, "We must serve the poor."
- We do see Jesus and us in this story.
  - Jesus is our ultimate Good Samaritan.
  - He found us beaten by sin and Satan.
  - He paid the price for our healing.
  - He commissions us to show the same love.
- The main point of the story is that we know what God wants us love our neighbor.

**What does this story tell us about how to be a neighbor?**

**Here are five items about being a neighbor from Luke 10:25-37.**

### **I. THE HEART QUESTION - "What Must I Do?" (Luke 10:25-28)**

- a. What does God want from me? The lawyer's question reveals our human tendency to seek formulas over relationships.
- b. Jesus points to love as the foundation of all commandments.
- c. [Rom 13:10 NASB95] 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of [the] law.
- d. Being a neighbor simply means to love. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to love people.

### **II. THE HUMAN CRISIS - "A Certain Man" (Luke 10:30)**

- a. We live in a fallen world. People are hurting. No one is immune from trials.
- b. Some commentaries suggest that this man made a poor decision taking this road. In essence, his poor decision caused his trouble.

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- c. However, things were done to him by others.
- d. Resist judging people. You don't why they are in the situation they are in.
- e. Regardless of whether they made poor decisions or not, help people. Not enabling people to continue to fail, but empowering to rise up without judgement.

### **III. THE RELIGIOUS FAILURE - "Passed By" (Luke 10:31-32)**

- a. Religion without compassion is a dead ritual. Position without passion leads to apathy.
- b. These two are mentioned because they "were most obliged to perform works of mercy." (Clark)
- c. [Isa 58:7 NASB95] 7 "Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
- d. [1Jo 4:21 NASB95] 21 And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.
- e. [1Jo 3:18 NASB95] 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.
- f. God help us to realize that our love for God is displayed in our love for people

### **IV. THE UNLIKELY HERO - "But a Samaritan" (Luke 10:33-35)**

- a. God often uses the unexpected vessel. Jews and Samaritans have nothing to do with each other.
- b. True ministry costs something: Time, Oil, Wine, Money
- c. Going beyond the moment to ensure lasting help.
- d. Start being aware of others around you. [Phl 2:4 NASB95] 4 do not [merely] look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
- e. The Holy Spirit anoints us to show mercy.
  - i. [Rom 12:8 NASB95] 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
  - ii. Stanley Horton - Thus, this gift may minister God's mercy and help to those in need, whether their need is physical, financial, mental, or spiritual.
- f. Being a neighbor is showing mercy to someone around you.

### **V. THE DIVINE CHALLENGE - "Go and Do Likewise" (Luke 10:36-37)**

- a. Moving from head knowledge to heart action.
- b. Breaking social, racial, and religious barriers.
- c. [Jas 1:22 NASB95] 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.
- d. Love demands action.

#### **• Questions for you:**

- Where are you passing by someone in need?
- What barriers are preventing you from showing God's love?
- How can you be a neighbor this week?

#### **• Pray:**

- For hearts of compassion
- For courage to cross barriers
- For resources to help others
- For eyes to see needs around us

- Revival with the Holy Spirit empowerment for service, and the transformative power of God's love in action.