

The Parables
Hidden in Plain Sight

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**The Parable of the Good Samaritan
Luke 10:25-37**

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 was attacked by 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, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii 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.’”

Practical Steps and Takeaways

1. A Heart Looking for Limits Instead of Love

Practical Step:

Before asking God to use you, ask God to help you _____.

Prayer: “Lord, help me see who You _____.”

Look for the people God has already placed in front of you.

TAKEAWAY:

“Following Jesus isn’t about finding _____ for love.

It’s about living a life marked by _____.”

2. When We See the Need but Miss the Moment

Practical Steps:

- a. Slow down enough to _____.
- b. Ask _____ more question.
- c. Take the next _____.

TAKEAWAY:

“Seeing the need is easy. Stopping is _____.”

3. The Love That Stops

Practical Steps:

- a. Love stops by _____ up.
- b. Love stops by _____.
- c. Love stops by _____.

TAKEAWAY:

“I don’t stop to earn God’s love. I stop because I have already been _____ by Jesus.”

4. Go and Do Likewise

The Jericho Road Challenge:

This week ask God: “Lord, who is on my _____?”

TAKEAWAY:

“The world is changed one road, one person, and one act of _____ at a time.”