



WK 4 | GOOD SAMARITAN(S)

{ A SIMPLE STORY FROM JESUS THAT ANSWERS OUR DEEPEST QUESTIONS — BUT WE KNOW SO WELL THAT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S REALLY SAYING... }

LUKE 10:25-37 (NIV) | JEREMY BELL, TEACHING PASTOR

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."

NOTES (STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

ALL IN, TOGETHER.

2026 Weekly Budget: \$11,375
Given Sept. 13th: \$12,405
Difference: \$1,030

2026 Annual Budget: \$591,474
2026 Budget YTD: \$420,875
2026 Given YTD: \$432,319
Difference: \$11,444

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GOING DEEPER (SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Which character in the story do you relate to most, and why? What part of the story challenges you the most?

What does this story teach us about who our “neighbor” is? Why might the priest and Levite have chosen not to help? What sacrifices did the Samaritan make to help the injured man? Do you think helping someone always requires a sacrifice? Why or why not?

Why is it significant that Jesus made the Samaritan the person who showed compassion? How does the story challenge stereotypes about who is “good” or “bad”? If Jesus told the Good Samaritan story today, which group of people might surprise his audience by being portrayed as the compassionate neighbor?”

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Luke 6:35-36 (ISV) - "Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind even to ungrateful and evil people. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

TAKE A STEP:

What is one attitude or assumption about another group of people that you need to examine in yourself that you may have learned from family, friends, media, or culture?

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