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“The Good Neighbor”

“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 19:18)

Legalistic Leakage

Luke 10:25-29 – (25) “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’ (26) He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? How do you read it?’ (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 he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’”

The Fall

Luke 10:30 – “Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.’”

No Help Here

Luke 10:31-32 – (31) “Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. (32) So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.”

The Rescue

Luke 10:33-34 – (33) “But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. (34) He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.”

The Keeper

Luke 10:35 – “And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’”

Key Point: Jesus is the Ultimate Neighbor
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Thoughts:

Remember God's Goodness

“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,”
(Psalm 103:2-4)

Be a Good Neighbor to others

“Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘You go, and do likewise.’” (Luke 10:36-37)

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.” (Luke 6:36)

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well.” (James 2:8)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

How often do I think about God's goodness towards me?

Do I tend to concentrate on my own interests at the expense of my neighbor? (1 Cor. 10:24)