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Sermon – The Good Samaritan – The last parable wk#

Scripture – Luke 10:25-37

Main Message – It is super inconvenient to love others as you love yourself, but it is what we are called to do.

So, you will be glad to know that this week is the last parable. Again, I can barely call this a parable, but theologians seem to so we will go with that. It is a message that bears repeating, emphasizing, and practicing.

Read **Luke 10:25-37**

I am certain that we can all agree that there is no real mystery here. The hard part is doing it and doing it consistently. Nevertheless, let's break it down.

A priest... An individual that should be an example of care for others.

A Levite... The Levites were the tribe of priests, so he also should have been helpful

A Samaritan. Looked down upon as a group of people who weren't as pure as a true Jew.

Lets consider the barriers of doing this.

- It took money – I'm sure they all had it.
- It took time – I'm sure they all had it
- It took compassion – Only the Samaritan had it.

So the next time you use the excuse of time and money to not help another in need, consider the root of the problem is actually one of compassion. This is a hallmark trait of someone who is fulfilling the commandments that the "expert in the law" wanted to know. I'm wondering if he actually **was** the Levite Priest that walked past the poor man that was robbed and beaten.