

Sunday morning, April 29, 2007

The Story of Compassion

Luke 10:25-37

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?"

²⁷He 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." ²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins 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?"

³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Compassion Is:

1. _____.

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

2. The face of _____.

John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Compassion Is (continued):

3. The _____ of our salvation, not the _____ of it.

4. Bringing our _____, _____, and _____ to bear into people's lives.

5. A refusal to _____.

6. _____

1 John 3:1

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

7. A _____ for _____.

Galatians 2:10

All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

- When the church leaves the _____ for someone else to pick up, the church _____.
- Anything in your life that draws you away from _____ will ultimately draw you away from _____.

Proverbs 21: 13

If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered.

Proverbs 14:21

He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.

8. Humanly _____.