

“10 If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

11 The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.” Isaiah 58:10-11

V. SELECT WHO YOU NEED TO SHOW MERCY

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” --John Wesley

God doesn't expect you to meet every need. He does expect you to meet some needs.

“29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?”

37 And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Luke 10:29, 36-37

I am going to show mercy to:

Show Compassion To Those Near You

JESUS' STORIES
The Story Of The Good Samaritan
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INTRODUCTION

A. Jesus was a master story teller. The stories He told were called “Parables.” A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. Jesus explained why he told these stories,

“And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You speak to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given”.

Matthew 13:10-11

He used common subjects and every day experiences to reveal deep truths about God, His kingdom and ourselves.

B. There are approximately forty parables in Matthew, Mark and Luke that Jesus taught. This teaching series will focus on eight of these parables that reveal valuable lessons for building your story today. The messages include:

Feb 20 The Story Of The Wise & Foolish Builders

Feb 27 The Story Of The Sower, Seed & Soils

TODAY The Story Of The Good Samaritan

Mar 13 The Stories Of The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl Of Great Price

Mar 20 The Story Of The Talents

Mar 27 The Story Of The Prodigal Son

Apr 3 The Story Of The Rich Man & Lazarus

Apr 10 The Story Of The Great Feast

Come and hear these messages learn valuable lessons for building your story today.

C. TEXT: Luke 10:29-37

The Actors:

- The Traveler.
- The Thieves.
- The Priest.
- The Levite.
- The Samaritan.

The Lesson: Show compassion to those near you.

HOW TO SHOW COMPASSION TO THOSE NEAR YOU

I. SEE THE NEEDS AROUND YOU

“Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.” Luke 10:30

“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:4

Three ways people respond to those in need:

A. Keep their distance.

“Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.” Luke 10:31

B. Curious, but uninvolved.

“Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.” Luke 10:32

C. See the need and show compassion.

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.” Luke 10:33

II. SHED YOUR PERSONAL PREJUDICE

A. Compassion is the cure for prejudice.

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.” Luke 10:33

B. Love and care for everyone.

*46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?
47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?* Matthew 5:46-47

III. STEP INTO THE MESSINESS OF SOMEONE ELSE’S NEED

A. Don’t procrastinate.

“So he went to him Luke 10:34a

*“27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, When it is in the power of your hand to do so.
28 Do not say to your neighbor, “Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it,” When you have it with you.”* Proverbs 3:27-28

B. Do the “dirty work”.

“... and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine;... “ Luke 10:34b

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12

IV. SACRIFICE TO MEET THE NEED

A. Be willing to sacrifice time.

“...and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.” Luke 10:34b

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” Daniel 12:4

B. Be willing to sacrifice treasure.

“On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ “ Luke 10:35