

## MESSAGE OUTLINE

### Streams of Living Water

#### Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup> “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup> 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.’”

<sup>28</sup> “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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.’

<sup>36</sup> “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

#### NOTES:

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- Who is my neighbor? (Luke 10, Mark 12:29-31)

“The common view of that day was that ‘neighbor’ meant ‘cultural equivalent’: the person who looks like me, dresses like me, thinks like me. To explode that common view of neighbor, Jesus tells the now famous view of the Samaritan—someone who is definitely not the Jew’s cultural equivalent—who showed compassion on a beaten and broken Jew, the avowed enemy of the Samaritan. That’s it! Neighbor, says Jesus, is ‘nigh-bor’, the person near us, the person in need. Jesus refuses to put walls around the word *neighbor*. No national heritage, no racial origin, no ethnic background, no barriers of class or culture can separate us from our neighbor.” -Streams of Living Water, Richard Foster

- The heart of God
  - Mercy, justice, peace/wholeness
  - A Prophetic tradition (Amos 5:21-24, Psalm 34:14, Zechariah 7:9)

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

- “Go and do likewise”
  - The Jesus Way (Matthew 12:15-21, Matthew 25: 31-46, Luke 11:42, James 2)
  - A prophetic witness today

“[It] gives bite to the language of Christian love.”

“It points us to the new heaven and the new earth. It reminds us that ‘God can make a way where there is no way.’ It keeps alive the prophetic imagination. It never lets us forget the redemptive power of the active, self-sacrificial love that is imaged on the cross.” -Streams of Living Water, Richard Foster