

## A Message from a Mugging

Luke 10:25-37

📖 Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (NIV) “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup> Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

### It's never wise to [mess with Jesus](#).

📖 Luke 10:25–27 (NIV) “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.’”

📖 Matthew 22:34–40 (NIV) “Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. <sup>35</sup> One of them, an expert in the law, tested Him with this question: <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “‘Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

📖 Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV) “Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

📖 Leviticus 19:18 (NIV84) “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.”

📖 Luke 10:28–29 (NIV) “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?”

### “Do the minimum” is never the [message of Jesus](#).

📖 Luke 10: 30-37a (NIV) “In 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. <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, took him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The 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.’ <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.”

1. A neighbor is one who [sees a need and meets it](#).
2. A neighbor is one who [sees the price and pays it](#).
3. A neighbor is one who [doesn't talk himself out of it](#).

📖 Luke 10:37b (NIV) “Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

 Describe a time in your life when you were surprised by someone's kindness. Pastor Mike said, "The church should never serve to be seen but the church should always be seen serving."—What did he mean by that? What does this parable teach about meeting people's needs? What does this parable teach about bigotry? What does this parable teach about eternal life?