



CHURCH & CULTURE

AGENTS OF ABUNDANT GRACE

Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

"The Chinese use two brush strokes to write the word 'crisis.' One brush stroke stands for danger; the other for opportunity. In a crisis, be aware of the danger-but recognize the opportunity." - John F. Kennedy

Luke 10:25-30, ²⁵ 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?" ²⁷ 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**.'" ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ 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.

Transformational Keys:

- 1) **Embracing** Jesus invitation to a God-first lifestyle. (Matthew 11:20-30)
- 2) **Envisioning** Jesus's purpose for his church clearly. (Matthew 16:13-19)
- 3) **Engaging** in action that nurture life- for all. (Luke 17:11-18)
- 4) **Each** One of us doing our part. (Luke 10:20-30)

The Purpose of the Parable

"The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers. We buy more but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences and less time. We have more degrees but less sense." - George Carlin

Proverbs 14:34 (NLT), Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Our Performance Problem

Luke 10:31-32, ³¹ A **priest** happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, **he passed by** on the other side. ³² So too, a **Levite**, when he came to the place and saw him, **passed by on the other side.**

Numbers 3; Mark 1:29-31; 1 Corinthian 9:5

Unleashing Our Potential

Exodus 18:14-22

1) **Proactively** minister grace

Luke 10:33, But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took **pity** on him.

Pity – *splagchnizomai* - to be moved by sympathy to the point of actions

2) **Pour out** God's grace

Luke 10:34, He (the Samaritan) **went** to him and **bandaged** his wounds, pouring on **oil** and **wine** . . .

- ❖ Oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit in scripture.
- ❖ Wine symbolizes the Blood of Christ in scripture.

3) **Partner together** in grace.

Luke 10:35-37, ³⁵ The next day he (the Samaritan) 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.' ³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?