Lesson 24 Handout – Good Samaritan


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

Luke 10:30 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.

31 A priest (a religious Jew who knew the Law) 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.

33 But a Samaritan, (a non Jew – A Gentile – a person hated by the Jews) as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.

34 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.

35 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.’
Jill Briscoe - Sometimes we think we can measure the love we have for God by the feeling we have as we pray or sing a psalm or a hymn in church.

Not necessarily. Jesus says, "I want to know about the man in the ditch. I want to know if you're involved yet. I want to know if you got down off your evangelical donkey and got alongside the man in the ditch."

If you're still on your high religious horse riding past trouble, or, like the priest and the Levite, running to Bible studies or church meetings, too busy for the man in the ditch, then

My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing. I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I am quoted, the more I am believed. I flourish at every level of society. My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no face. To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive
I become. I am nobodies friend. Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments, wreck marriages, and ruin careers -- cause sleepless nights, heartaches, and indigestion. I spawn suspicion and generate grief. I make innocent people cry in their pillows. Even my name hisses... I make headlines and headaches.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, (while we were in a ditch bleeding to death) Christ died for us. (Jesus found us in the ditch and did something about it)

Jesus says:
Matthew 5:43–44
43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’
44 “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

John 13:35 “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
Galatians 5:14
14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”

1 John 3:17
17 But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?


Romans 5:12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

You can never be good enough to acquire eternal life on your own.

We can do nothing on our own. We are in a ditch with nobody to help us.