

“DO YOU SEE ME (THE ROAD WAS LONG BUT WORTH IT)”

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

Scripture Text: 33: **But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, 34 and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on them oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him**

Set the Table

1. The church was experiencing the First Christian Crusade
 - A. 70 Men and 70 Women were appointed and commissioned to go out and share the Word
 - B. Study to show thyself approved... 2 Timothy 2:15
2. The Lawyer or well educated man of the Law
 - A. God will place a stump in your life.
 - They walk stiffly and noisily.-- LOUD, Angry, strong headed
 - Take up all the life resources but refuse to grow. self sabotage.

The Question: Who art my neighbor?

1. Beggar
2. Priest, Levites, church folks
3. Samaritan

“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.”** Luke 10:30 NIV

- I. It was a long Road was long but worth it
 - A. Trip from Jerusalem to Jericho
 1. This was about 15 miles North to East. A prominent road.
 2. A desolate area covered by wilderness.
 - B. It looks good on the outside, but on the inside
 1. We all have experienced forms of Trauma in our life...
 - a. We have been through some hard times
 1. Abusive relationships
 2. Single parent homes
 3. Maybe we were like the Samaritan Woman at the well (John 4:7-26)
 - a. Searching to fill that empty void
 - b. Living in the night, to justify your existence within

4. Sitting there all alone, wondering do you see me?
 - a. A child who was forced to grow up in a adverse environment and not experience true love but survival of the fittest
 - b. Verses that kept us strong like
 - i. “Do not be afraid or discouraged, for **the LORD will personally go ahead of you**. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.” (Deuteronomy 31:8 NLT)
 - ii. “**Trust in the LORD with all your heart**; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” (Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT)
 - iii. “**I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.**” (John 14:18 NLT)

And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32a And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

II. The other side of spirituality (Church Folks)

A. Priest, Levites, other countrymen

1. They let their religion practices over shadow their human heart
2. They justified his current condition due to his own assumed bad choices

Our own perceived prejudices

3. Using our own raised perceptions as a scale of expectations

B. We seek Mercy from God, but will not give mercy to our neighbors

1. Samaritan

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III. Don't miss your opportunity!!! (Samaritan)

A. God led his steps

1. The spirit moved in him
2. Covered his wounds with bandage of prayer,
3. Anointed him in the spirit
4. Took him to the place of healing
5. Poured out a Blessing upon him