

EVERYDAY LOVE

Text: Matthew 22:36-39 (2nd Greatest Commandment) "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'^[a]³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^[b]⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Luke 10:30-37 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. 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. ³³ But a Samaritan, 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, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[d] 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."

Leviticus 19:18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

1 Peter 4:8a Above all, love each other deeply, . . .

I. OPEN _____

Luke 10:33

How could you get to know your neighbors?

Luke 7:44a Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman?

II. OPEN _____

Luke 10:33

"compassion is understanding the trouble of others, coupled with an urgent desire to help." (Quotable Quotations, 76)

Luke 10:34

A great prayer—"God break my heart with what breaks your heart."

"Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, To all the people you can,
For as long as you ever can.—John Wesley

Action Step—Choose one way you can show compassion to someone this week.

Mother Teresa once said, "We can do no great things, only small things with great love."

III. OPEN _____

Luke 10:34, 35

Love gives even at great cost. The greatest example of this is the gospel itself.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

I love how Jesus closes out this interaction with the lawyer.

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CONCLUSION: Go and do likewise. You see love can't do everything but it can always do something.

