

Navigating the New Normal Series  
Week 5 outline  
7.12.20  
Luke 10:25-37

## **A Rule of Life**

### **I. A Rule of Life... A Tool Bag for the Tools**

- A. A Rhythm for our Days
- B. A Rest to our Weeks
- C. A Pace in our Seasons
- D. A Rule of our Lives
  - 1. Examples we often hear:
    - "You only live once"
    - "If you ain't first, you're last"
    - "Think positive and positive things will happen to you"

### **II. Jesus' "Rule of Life" (Lk 10:25-29)**

- A. Jesus and a Lawyer
  - 1. Asking The Wrong Question
    - "what must I do" -vs25
    - the lawyer tips his hand right off the bat...
  - 2. Giving The Right Answer
    - LOVE GOD LIKE HE'S GOD
    - LOVE OTHERS LIKE THEY'RE YOU
- B. Looking for a Loophole (vs 29)
  - 1. "and wanting to justify himself..."
    - the lawyer knew this was the right answer, but also a standard that was completely impossible to reach on his own.
  - 2. "and who exactly counts as my neighbor?"
    - define "neighbor"

### **III. Encountering Mercy (vs 30-37)**

- A. The Traveler (vs30)
  - Stripped
  - Beaten
  - Forsaken
- B. The Two "on the other side" (vs 31-32)
  - a Priest (the professional minister)
  - a Levite (the lay minister)
- C. The One who "showed mercy"
  - the Samaritan: a despised race in the lawyer's eyes
  - "Pity"* meaning: "whose heart went out to him";
  - one who was "moved to compassion"

#### IV. Five Displays of Mercy

- M. **DELIBERATE**      *"He went to him"*  
-mercy sees a need and meets the need
- E. **RESTORATIVE**      *"and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine."*  
-mercy is both soothing and healing
- R. **COMPASSIONATE**      *"Then he put the man on his own donkey"*  
-mercy requires both discomfort and sacrifice
- C. **UNEXPECTED**      *"brought him to an inn and took care of him"*  
-mercy shows a love that is more than deserved
- Y. **COSTLY**      *"The next day he 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.'"*  
-mercy pays a debt and pays it in full

MERCY IS THE COSTLY DEMONSTRATION OF UNEXPECTED LOVE  
FROM A COMPASSIONATE, RESTORATIVE, AND DELIBERATE GOD.

#### V. The Great Reversal (vs 36-37)

- A. *"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor?"*- vs 36  
-Jesus makes the lawyer identify with the victim in the story, rather than the hero.

JESUS IS THE GOOD SAMARITAN IN THIS STORY.  
HE'S THE HERO.  
HE'S THE ONE WHO DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US.

- B. *"Go and do likewise."* -vs 37  
-Apart from the Gospel, every good Samaritan act is an attempt to justify ourselves

A RULE OF LIFE IS POWERLESS  
APART FROM THE RULER OF LIFE

- C. The One Stripped, Beaten, and Forsaken on our Behalf (Romans 5:1-11)

-Because of the Gospel, we become ministers of mercy as we...  
*"GO AND DO LIKEWISE"*