

# Remembering the Gift 2

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**Luke 10:25-37** – On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> 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.' <sup>36</sup> "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup> The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

- The Priest = Religion
- The Levite = Keeper of the Law
- The man in the ditch is you and me!
- Fell into the hands of the robber = Satan is the thief that came to:
  - Strip us of our clothing (right standing with God)
  - Beat us leaving us half dead
- The Good Samaritan = Jesus
- Saved his life = Salvation
- Bandaged his wound, pouring on oil and wine = Ministered to his physical needs
- Put him on his donkey and walked = Grace (He found us)
- Paid for his recovery = Gave His life
- If he needs more, I will pay that also = See you through
- When I return = He's coming again

Jesus said, "Go and do likewise"!

**Luke 14:16-23** – Then said he to him, A certain man made a great supper, and invited many: <sup>17</sup> And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were invited, Come; for all things are now ready. <sup>18</sup> And they all with one consent began to make excuses. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it: I pray

that you will have me excused. <sup>19</sup> And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them: I pray that you will have me excused. <sup>20</sup> And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. <sup>21</sup> So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor, and the maimed, and the injured, and the blind. <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, Lord, it is done as you have commanded, and yet there is room. <sup>23</sup> And the lord said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

Find people who are aware of their needs.

Find people who are on the “highways” or on your journey of life.

Find people who are enclosed by barriers or hedges.

Compel them to come in.

God wants His house filled!

**Matthew 4:18-20** – As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

God wants to partner with us and equip us to “fish for people.”

Fishing requires constant casting and the right bait.

The Gospel, wrapped in your life story, is the bait.

**II Corinthians 1:3-4** – Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! <sup>4</sup> He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.

Everyone has problems and troubles.

We are not here to see through you, but to see you through.