



‘Love Thy Neighbor’

October Sermon Series




The Big Idea

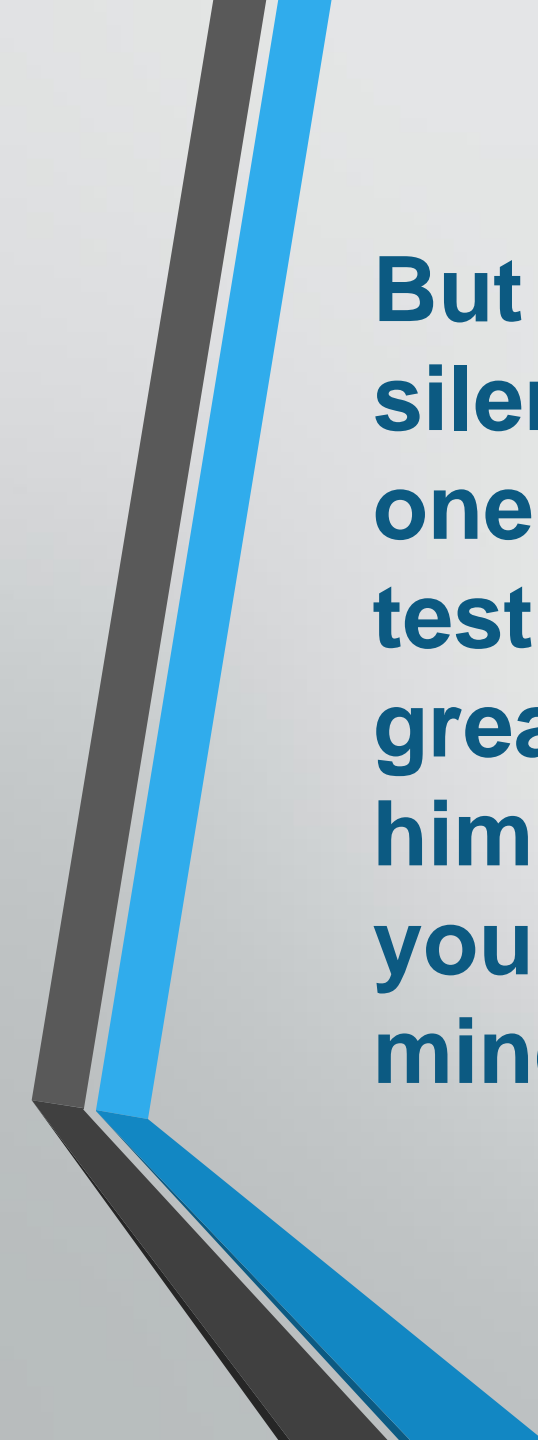
You must first love God to love your neighbor and to love thy neighbor is to first love God.




**“We love others best
when we love God most.”**



Scripture Lesson
Matthew 22:34-40



But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'



This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."



Question

Will I be a Neighbor?



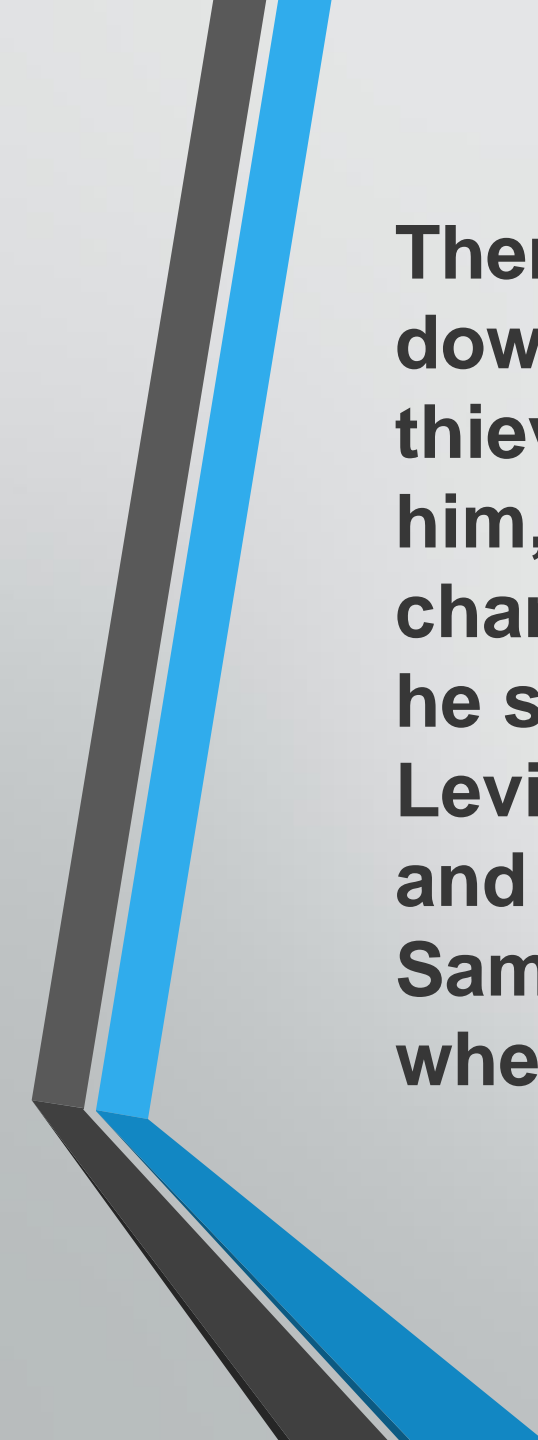
Lesson Three

Seven Types of Neighbors

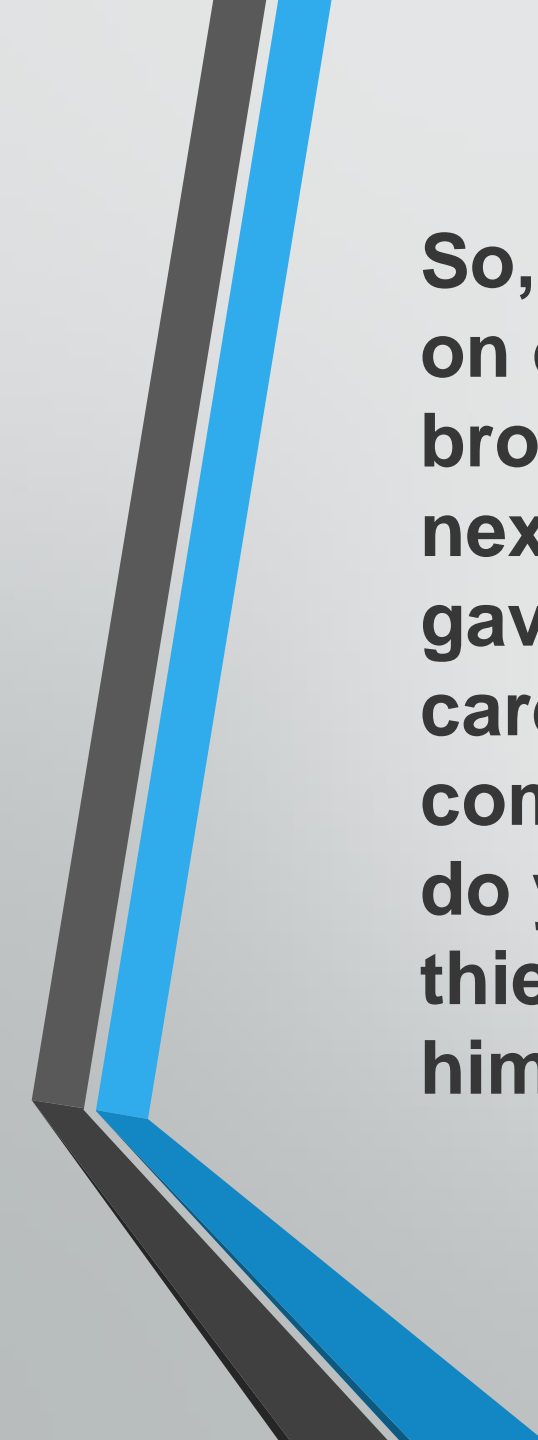


**1. A Neighbor Who is a Desperate
Person (Good Samaritan)**

Luke 10:30-37



Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came, and looked, and passed by on the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.



So, he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' So, which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



Three Important Traits:

1. Nearing


2. Caring

3. Sharing

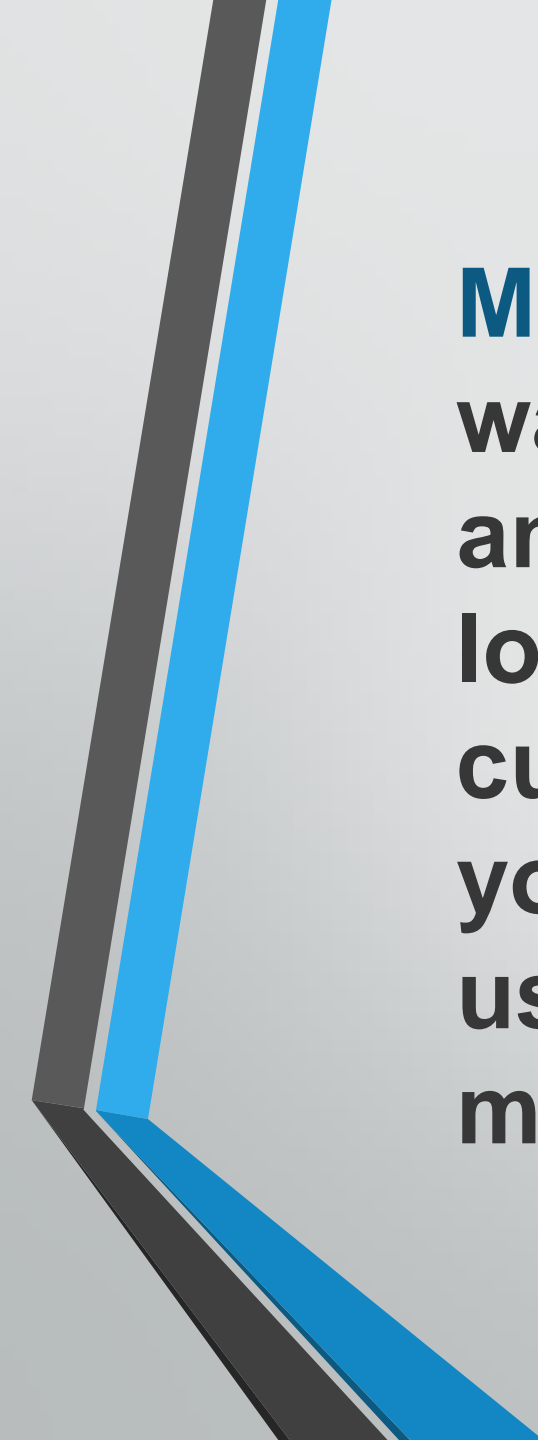


2. A Neighbor Who Is Difficult.

Leviticus 19:18




Leviticus 19:18, You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.




Matthew 5:43-45, You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.



3. A Neighbor Who Is Destitute.
James 2:14-17



What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.




**“A pretty face is nothing, if you
have an ugly heart.”**




4. A Neighbor Who Is Deceived.

Leviticus 19:15



Leviticus 19:15, You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.




“You don’t need a reason to help people.”



5. A Neighbor Who Is Different.


Leviticus 19:34




Leviticus 19:34, The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself.




Four Ways to Show Love to People with Whom You Have Differences:


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- 1. Listen to them.**
 - 2. Look at them.**
 - 3. Learn from them.**
 - 4. Laugh with them.**



6. A Neighbor Who Is Disabled.
Leviticus 19:14




**Leviticus 19:14, You shall not
curse the deaf, nor put a
stumbling block before the blind,
but shall fear your God: I am the
Lord.**



“How a society treats its disabled is the true measure of society.”



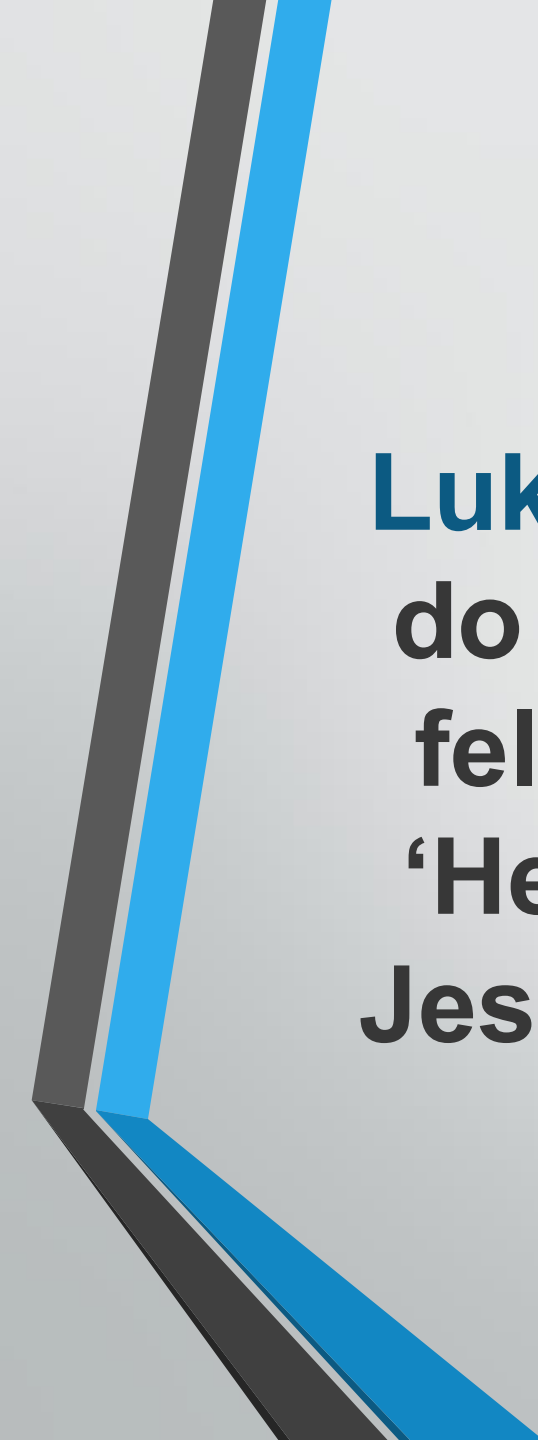
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spells: GOD IS ABLE.”**




7. A Neighbor Who Is Defrauded.
Leviticus 19:13

Matthew 7:12 (NLT), Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12 (NASB), In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.



Luke 10:36-37, ‘So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’ And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’



Matthew 10:8, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give”



**“If its deserved, it is not
mercy.”**