

Don't Let Me Down

Luke 10:25-37 is that great account where a lawyer asks Jesus Christ what's he to do to inherit eternal life and who is his neighbor. Jesus tells him the story of a man being robbed, beaten and left for dead on the road to Jericho. Three people pass the man. The first is a priest who sees the man and goes on the other side to pass him, the second is a Levi who does the same thing. Both men ignore him. Why? Both should have known; both knew the law of God from the Old Testament to love and show mercy, yet they kept on going. Then a Samaritan passes by, dresses his wounds, takes him to an inn and has them take care of him. Samaritans were considered worse than dogs by the Jews. They were looked at as outcasts and yet this Samaritan was moved with compassion. Both the priest and the Levite had the knowledge, yet they allowed their knowledge to puff them up and didn't love. Oh, they talked about love; they acted so humble, yet were so proud in the intelligent of their own eyes. Their intelligence was their god. Pride blinded them. On the outside they appeared so holy. Why after all, they had been in the Word for years and did "this and that" for God. Their attitude was "I've been there done that." They couldn't be bothered with helping this man that would take their time and energy. It's sad but they reached the place of: "It's time for me to be served; for I have given my service. Don't you see my certificate of ordination on the wall?"

What Jesus was saying to the lawyer in essence was the one who you consider to be a dog and outcast is the one who had compassion. He was also telling him that you don't ignore people, you don't shut them out, you don't say you're done with them. He was telling the man: My Father and I DON'T GIVE UP AND DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO LOVE.

Love,
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