

From the Pastor



I love the parables of Jesus. They are so rich and filled with more meaning than we could ever glean. Today we look at 'The Good Samaritan,' which was an oxymoron for sure because 1st Century Jewish folks didn't think there was such a thing as a Samaritan who was good. Samaritans were definitely considered as enemies.

The lawyer who came to Jesus wanted to disprove that Jesus could possibly be the Messiah. He tried to trap Him with the toughest question he could come up with. Jesus answered him by sending him to the prayer Jewish people prayed every single day, twice a day. It's known as the Shema Prayer. Hard question—easy answer!

Here's why Jesus asked the lawyer, "how do you read?" In Hebrew, back in that day, printed words had no vowels. The word for neighbor was "re'ah" and the word for enemy was "ra'ah." But when Jesus and this lawyer were little boys, they spent every day memorizing the Torah. When it came to this word, "r - h," the lawyer read it as 'neighbor' but Jesus read it as 'enemy.'

For the lawyer, because he was Jewish, the only ones qualified to be his neighbor were fellow Jews. And if he was a Pharisee, then his neighbor could only be another Pharisee. Sadly, the more knowledgeable they became, the more narrow they were in their scope.

When Jesus read the Torah, He read "love your enemy as yourself." This was not just your fellow Jew, this was anyone and everyone, especially those who hate you. And here's the deal. The closest any of us will ever come to loving ourselves and others with agape love is when we can love those who hate us the most.

According to Romans 5:8, this is the only way the Gospel of Jesus Christ ever reached any of us, because while we were enemies of the Cross, while we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us. That's a lot to chew on!

Blessings,

Randy & Pam

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- 9am** Connect Point (various campus locations)
- Insights Prayer Sanctuary
- 10am** Worship Service Sanctuary
- Children's Service Kid Zone (C106-107)
- Youth Service Youth Room (after worship)

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- 4:30pm** Grief Support Group Prayer Room (R104)
- 6:30pm** Youth Service Youth Room (C208-209)
- 6:30pm** Children's Service Kid Zone (C106-107)
- 6:30pm** Relentless Young Adults Conference Room
- 6:30pm** 2:42 CLUB (fellowship, Bible study and prayer)
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THURSDAY

- 10am** Mountain Movers Sanctuary

2nd FRIDAY

- 10:30am** Senior Fellowship Fellowship Hall

4th SATURDAY

- 10:30am** Fasting & Prayer Online Via Zoom
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"WHO IS MY ENEMY?"

LUKE 10:25-37



