

40 Days of Love Series:

“Cultivating a Kind Lifestyle” (Week 2)

Big Idea:

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rather, kindness is about what I _____.

The Samaritan in Luke 10:30-35 is kind not because of what he thinks or says. He is kind because of what he DOES!

Biblical Notes: Luke 10:30-35

1. The road from Jerusalem to Jericho stretched for 17 miles downward for 3,300 feet amidst rocky and hilly terrain. It had a reputation for robbers and was a dangerous area to travel.
2. The priest and Levite may have thought the attacked man was dead. If so, there are three reasons they may have ignored him: 1) People may have suspected that either of them had killed the man; 2) The priest and Levite may have thought that the attacked man was a “plant” to entrap them and be robbed themselves; 3) Jewish law said that if anyone touched a dead corpse, he could no longer serve in the temple. In that case, the priest and the Levites would have lost his jobs in the temple.

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Action Plan: DO one intentional act of kindness for someone else this week. Then, write a few short lines about your experience and email it to Pastor Jimmy at jimmy.jones@pv-umc.org.

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