

5 Ways Christians Can Apply the Parable of the Good Samaritan Today



“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’ Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Lk 10:36-37

It’s easy to assume no one in modern society would pass by someone ailing on the side of the road. But we can all recall a time when we witnessed someone pulled off to the side of the freeway ... alone. We so often don’t pull over to help.

Sometimes, out of a healthy fear of very real and opportunistic evil in the world. Other times, we choose not to put ourselves in danger on account of another accord. Further still, we are all consumed by the amount of time we have in each of our days. The story of the Good Samaritan reminds us to take time to notice, and inconvenience ourselves to stop and sacrifice our precious minutes and resources to love our neighbor the way we’re called to as Christians. God has purposed us to love one another. Let’s take a look at the parable of the Good Samaritan.

Here are 5 ways Christians can use the parable of the Good Samaritan for inspiration today.

1. Be Noticers

“We live in a fast-paced world where it is easy to overlook the needs of others,” wrote Courtney Whiting, “But if we learn from this parable, we will be careful to be aware of those who are around us.” We can take notice of the people God places in our lives, both those who encourage and help us and those who need our help and encouragement. “The neighbor we’re called to love is often not the one we choose but one God chooses for us,” writes Jon Bloom

2. Prayerfully Prepare for these Moments

A disciplined life of prayer will allow to see people from God’s perspective and fight any fear holding us back from taking immediate action. When we pray for eyes open to see people in need, God is faithful to reveal them. When we do take notice of someone in need, it’s not just our action that needs to be immediate in aid, but our prayer.

3. Don’t Hesitate

Instead of weighing our options and wondering if we have time to stop and help, trust God to stretch minutes when we are convicted to help. The Samaritan man wasn’t prepared with a medical kit in case he crossed paths with someone who needed bandaging. He gave of what he had, choosing to invest in the struggling stranger.

4. Reflection and Gratitude

Resist the cultural urge to frame those struggling as soft or weak. Suffering from the consequence of their own decisions doesn’t afford us a license to love them any less. We’ve all made bad decisions, suffered through our own consequences, or been hurt at the hands of another.

Let gratitude for the people God had in place to pull us through fuel our love for them now. Remembering keeps us humble, reminds us to be grateful, and spurs us to pass it on. Instead of convincing ourselves we don’t have the time or the means to help, focus prayerfully on allowing God to show us how He wants us to love those suffering around us.

5. Generosity

Christians are called to live generous lives, both in meeting the physical needs of others and in our outpouring of compassion for our neighbors. The Samaritan man gave what he had. We are all too often led by a cynical mindset of short supply. However, God promises the more we share the more we have.

Benching worry to care for others first models trust in God. He asks us to love our neighbor as ourselves and is the great Provider we can trust in to make it happen. **Proverbs 28:27** assures us, “*Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses.*”

The goal is not to get something in return for helping one another, but trusting God enough to let go of what we have in order to do so, being a good steward of what He’s provided us with.

If you would like Pastor Kerry to call or visit, please let Susan, the secretary, or Pastor Kerry know.

Giving Through Our Website

Go to <https://chairesmethodist.church> and just click the blue GIVE button and you will be taken to the church REALM site. The church secretary can help you set up your account.

Choir News

Choir practice is on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to join if you would like to be a part of the music during Advent and Christmastide. For more info, contact: Gerry Nielson (321-652-5361; gerryniel@gmail.com)

Humble House wants your plants and pots!

If you don’t like dealing with a lot of plants during the cold months, have I got a deal for you! Humble House is in the plant business and it’s a success! You can donate plants and also your unused pots. See Susan Capelouto.





Operation Christmas Child is a project by Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization, that delivers shoeboxes filled with gifts to children in need around the world: **Purpose: To demonstrate God's love and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with children in need**

Gifts: Shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal care items

Recipients: Children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease

Delivery: Local church partners deliver the shoeboxes

Follow-up: Children are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship program

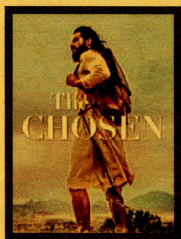
How to participate: You can pack a shoebox, drop it off, or build one online

National Collection Week: We will be delivering our Shoe boxes to Tallahassee Heights Methodist Church on November 24th following out 10:00 worship service. Please have you your boxes filled and returned by Sunday, November 24, 2024

Movies Under the Oaks

Every Friday starting @ 6:30 p.m.

Bring your field blankets and folding chairs. There is a complete schedule through April 11th on the information table. This event will be free to the community and food and refreshments will be provided: Hotdogs, soft pretzels, popcorn, lemonade, tea and hot chocolate on chilly nights. Movies will be projected on our 14 ft outdoor screen unless weather conditions do not allow for this and in that case, movies will be shown in multi-purpose sanctuary.



There is an **UPDATED** schedule of the movie dates and times on the information table.



New Sermon Series (November 10 - 24, 2024)

As Christians, we are deeply loved children of God! We have nothing to fear because God is with us, and we have nothing to prove because His love sets us free from the need to constantly seek approval and recognition from others. In response to God's great love, we learn to purify ourselves by saying "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live uprightly by loving others the way Jesus loves us. *Nothing to Fear: Nothing to Prove* is a 3-week sermon series built to encourage our church in the truth and love of Christ.



Friends and Family

Pastor Bill Petersen
Chris Taylor (daughter in law of Jeanette Wood)
Family of Kim Wilson
Vickie Matthews (co-worker of Sue Graham)
Gerry Mingledorff (Martha Fletcher)
Wayne Benton (Marion Lollie)
Vickie Matthews
Mike Butler (brother of Maggie Hall)
Bill & Julie Morton (Maggie Hall's aunt & uncle)
Deana McCorvey (David & Diane Matthews)
Christian revival at University of Florida

Chaires Staff

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Music Director	Gerry Nielsen
Custodian	Janet Cayson
Audio/Visual	Marty Holland

Giving Thanks For Our First Responders

Unfortunately, not everyone has the opportunity to spend time with their families on Thanksgiving. Our First responders: Police, Fire, and Medical Emergency Services have to work during this holiday to ensure that we have the vital services that they provide.

At Chaires we want to acknowledge their service and what they do for our community. So, on **Thursday, November 28 @ 9:00 a.m.** we will be delivering sweet goodies to our first responders as a way of saying "Thank You" for working on Thanksgiving.



We need people to bring the homemade bake goodies to Chaires on Sunday, **November 24th following the 10:00 worship service and Wednesday, November 27th @ 5:00 pm.** On November 27th we will be boxing up all the sweet goodies.

Then on Thursday, **November 28th starting at 9:00 a.m.** we will be delivering those sweet thank you packages to the various first responders in the Tallahassee community.

Advent Bible Study

Every Thursday in the month of December Chaires will be having an Advent Bible Study that will be following our sermon series titled: "**The Best Christmas Ever**". **Stay tuned for more information.** There will be studies in the morning at the church and in the evening at the parsonage.

November Birthdays

Mary Alice Linzy 4
Charlene Walker 19
Janet Cayson 27

November Anniversaries

Lynne Peters & Ed Fannin
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