

PART 1: Once Upon a Time

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START

We all have a system of values that guide our lives. We can either be aware of these values or unaware of them. The Jewish people had a value to love God with all their heart, soul, strength, and mind; and to love their neighbor as themselves. This value shaped everything, however they often attempted to define these values to fit their terms.

- What are some values that guide your life?
- What values do you have when it comes to your faith?
- What faith values have you possibly redefined to fit your terms?

READ

[Luke 10:36-37](#) (NLT)

“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

THINK

When the Jewish men in Jesus’ parable passed by their fellow Jew in need they passed by on the other side. We could make excuses for them by saying they were trying to avoid a trap or becoming unclean, but the reality is they set limitations that prevented them from helping. They allowed religion to complicate a situation.

- When have you allowed religion to complicate a situation?
- What limitations do you create in order to not show love to certain people?

Kim said, “Sometimes those that say they love Jesus the most, do the very least”. Our love for Jesus should propel us to love others more, but sometimes we allow our love for Jesus to prevent us from loving people because of the fear of who we might be seen with. Real love doesn’t decide if; real love simply does.

- Do you find yourself saying you love Jesus, but not loving people?
- How can you simply show love to everyone you interact with?
- How can your love for Jesus grow your love for people?

PRAY

Pray that God will reveal the limitations you place on your love for others and to remove those limitations.

ACT

This week, seek out someone you wouldn’t normally interact with and show love to them in a simple way.

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