





Blessing our community with no strings attached



WHAT CAN WE OFFER?



LUKE 10: 25-37

- ²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"
- ²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"
- ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"
- ²⁸ "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

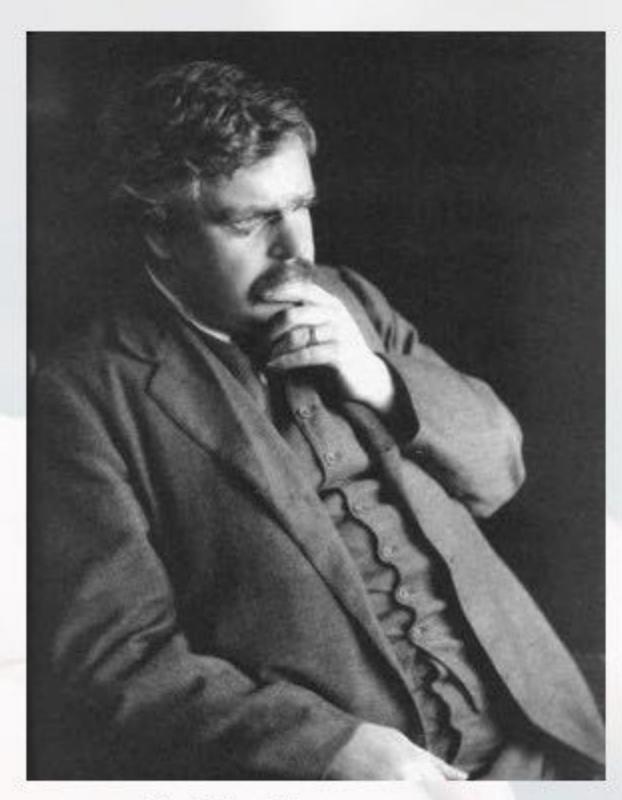
³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶ "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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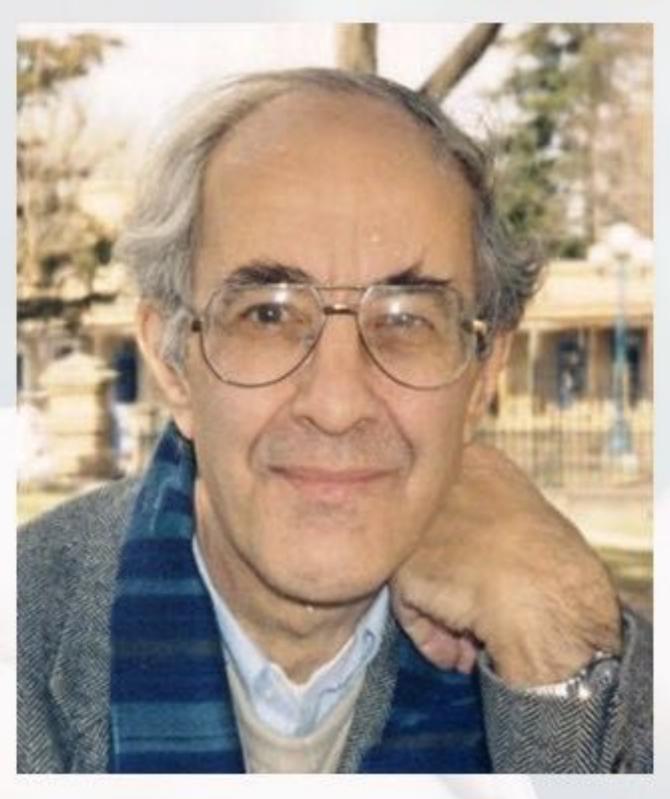
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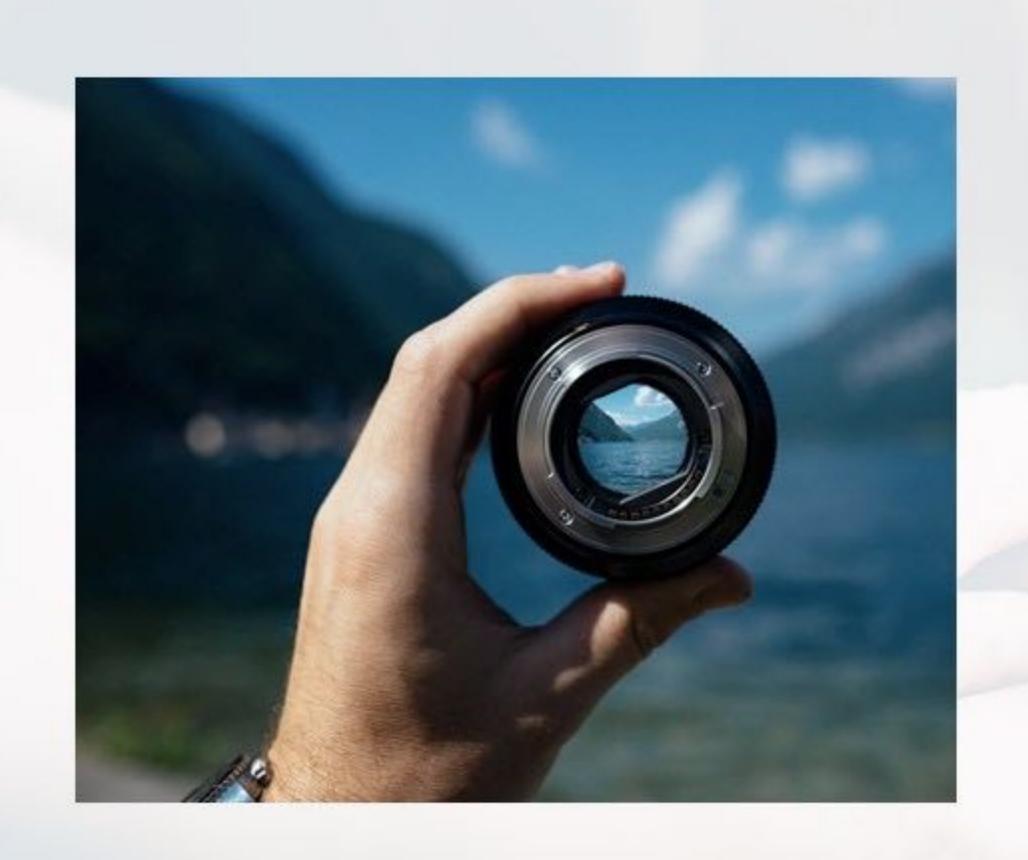
Identifying with others in our shared humanity

1. COMPASSION



Henry Nouwen

Compassion is shared humanity



Seeing the Image of God in others

2. NEW VISION

GENESIS 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.



How we treat others in need

3. WORSHIP

MATTHEW 22:40

All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

MARK 12:33

to love your neighbour as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.

MATTHEW 25:31-46

Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

JOHN 13:34-35

³⁴ A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

HOW CAN WE BECOME A NEIGHBOUR TO THOSE IN NEED?

- 1. Developing compassion for others
- 2. Seeing people with non-judgmental eyes
- 3. Treating others as an act of worship to God