

Divine Encounters In The Daily Grind

Luke 10:25-37

Striving Together

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This divine encounter involved three movements:

1. Ruin – (verse 30) **Trouble** finds a fallen man.
 - a. People are ruined by the fall. We are sinners by **birth**.
 - b. People are ruined by their foolishness. We are sinners by **choice**.
 - c. People are ruined by their failures – We are sinners by **practice**.
 - d. People are ruined by their **fellow creatures**
2. Rejection (verse 31-32) – **Religion** fails the fallen man
 - a. The rituals of religion proved worthless to the dying man.
 - b. The rules of religion proved worthless to the dying man.
3. Rescue (verse 33-37) – **Compassion** reached the fallen man. Notice:
 - a. He met him by **chance**. Verse 33: “a certain Samaritan as he journeyed”...
 - b. He acted in **compassion**. Verse 33b-34
 - c. He served with **commitment** - verse 35:
 - d. Let me say this another way:
 - i. The Samaritan gave the man **first aid**.
 - ii. The Samaritan gave the man **further aid**.
 - iii. The Samaritan gave the man **final aid**.
 - iv. Remember “doulos”. He **served** the man because he was a **slave** of Jesus!
4. Review: verses 36-37: **Am I** a neighbor?
 - a. Christianity is something we **believe** - yes; Mk 1:15
 - b. Christianity is someone we **receive** – yes; Jn 1:12
 - c. Christianity is a life we **live** – yes! – 2 Cor 5:15
 - d. Yet Christianity is something we **do**. – Lk 10:28