



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

(PART 3 of 4)

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**LUKE 10:30-37 NKJV – (30)** Then Jesus answered and said: “A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. **(31)** Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **(32)** Likewise, a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. **(33)** But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. **(34)** So, he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **(35)** On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.’ **(36)** So, which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?” **(37)** And he said, “He who showed mercy on him.”

Back in the month of March 2023, I wrote two meditations about making a difference. The Holy Spirit is leading me to write two more. Today many are hurting, and we the church have left many astray! Yes, some we have given assistance but that “Just enough” assistance is what we have given. Some we won’t assist because we don’t want to have anything to do with them. You may not be a lawyer or in a high status but what Jesus said in the above passage should get all our attention! Especially if we claim Him as our Lord. Read the passage first!!!! Evaluate what the lawyer said in **verse 25**. Are you testing Jesus when it comes to servanthood? Are you testing Jesus and you already know the answer? Do you know the history (relationship) the three men had towards the fallen man? And then answer the following question, which of the three men describes you?

If you have been failing in any perspective, Jesus gives you the answer in **verse 37**. Now go and make a difference. No condemnation, just go! And give all you got like Jesus would do with us.

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 SAMUEL 24:14**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "The power of just mercy is that it belongs to the undeserving."