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A Bible story to illustrate our Christian values

Friendship

The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Then a teacher of the law stood up. He was trying to test Jesus. He said, "Teacher, what must I do to get life forever?"

²⁶ Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

²⁷ The man answered, "Love the Lord your God. Love him with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." Also, "You must love your neighbour as you love yourself."

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "Your answer is right. Do this and you will have life forever."

²⁹ But the man wanted to show that the way he was living was right. So, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

³⁰ To answer this question, Jesus said, "A man was going down the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Some robbers attacked him. They tore off his clothes and beat him. Then they left him lying there, almost dead. ³¹ It happened that a Jewish priest was going down that road. When the priest saw the man, he walked by on the other side of the road. ³² Next, a Levite came there. He went over and looked at the man. Then he walked by on the other side of the road. ³³ Then a Samaritan traveling down the road came to where the hurt man was lying. He saw the man and felt very sorry for him. ³⁴ The Samaritan went to him and poured olive oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. He put the hurt man on his own donkey and took him to an inn. At the inn, the Samaritan took care of him. ³⁵ The next day, the Samaritan brought out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. The Samaritan said, 'Take care of this man. If you spend more money on him, I will pay it back to you when I come again.'"

³⁶ Then Jesus said, "Which one of these three men do you think was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"

³⁷ The teacher of the law answered, "The one who helped him."

Jesus said to him, "Then go and do the same thing he did!"



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Perseverance

The Flood Begins Genesis 7:1-10

⁷ Then the Lord said to Noah, "I have seen that you are the best man among the people of this time. So you and your family go into the boat. ² Take with you seven pairs, each male with its female, of every kind of clean animal. And take one pair, each male with its female, of every kind of unclean animal. ³ Take seven pairs of all the birds of the sky, each male with its female. This will allow all these animals to continue living on the earth after the flood. ⁴ Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth. It will rain 40 days and 40 nights. I will destroy from the earth every living thing that I made."

⁵ Noah did everything that the Lord commanded him.

⁶ Noah was 600 years old when the flood came. ⁷ He and his wife and his sons and their wives went into the boat. They went in to escape the waters of the flood. ⁸ The clean animals, the unclean animals, the birds and everything that crawls on the ground ⁹ came to Noah. They went into the boat in groups of two, male and female. This was just as God had commanded Noah. ¹⁰ Seven days later the flood started.



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Love

The Son Who Left Home Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "A man had two sons. ¹² The younger son said to his father, 'Give me my share of the property.' So, the father divided the property between his two sons. ¹³ Then the younger son gathered up all that was his and left. He travelled far away to another country. There he wasted his money in foolish living. ¹⁴ He spent everything that he had. Soon after that, the land became very dry, and there was no rain. There was not enough food to eat anywhere in the country. The son was hungry and needed money. ¹⁵ So he got a job with one of the citizens there. The man sent the son into the fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ The son was so hungry that he was willing to eat the food the pigs were eating. But no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ The son realized that he had been very foolish. He thought, 'All of my father's servants have plenty of food. But I am here, almost dying with hunger. ¹⁸ I will leave and return to my father. I'll say to him: Father, I have sinned against God and against you. ¹⁹ I am not good enough to be called your son. But let me be like one of your servants.' ²⁰ So the son left and went to his father.

"While the son was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. He felt sorry for his son. So, the father ran to him, and hugged and kissed him. ²¹ The son said, 'Father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am not good enough to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Hurry! Bring the best clothes and put them on him. Also, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get our fat calf and kill it. Then we can have a feast and celebrate! ²⁴ My son was dead, but now he is alive again! He was lost, but now he is found!' So, they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "The older son was in the field. As he came closer to the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called to one of the servants and asked, 'What does all this mean?' ²⁷ The servant said, 'Your brother has come back. Your father killed the fat calf to eat because your brother came home safely!' ²⁸ The older son was angry and would not go in to the feast. So, his father went out and begged him to come in. ²⁹ The son said to his father, 'I have served you like a slave for many years! I have always obeyed your commands. But you never even killed a young goat for me to have a feast with my friends. ³⁰ But your other son has wasted all your money on prostitutes. Then he comes home, and you kill the fat calf for him!' ³¹ The father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me. All that I have is yours. ³² We had to celebrate and be happy because your brother was dead, but now he is alive. He was lost, but now he is found.'"



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Forgiveness

An Unforgiving Servant Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, when my brother sins against me, how many times must I forgive him? Should I forgive him as many as 7 times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, you must forgive him more than 7 times. You must forgive him even if he does wrong to you 70 times 7.

²³ "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who decided to collect the money his servants owed him. ²⁴ So the king began to collect his money. One servant owed him several million dollars. ²⁵ But the servant did not have enough money to pay his master, the king. So, the master ordered that everything the servant owned should be sold, even the servant's wife and children. The money would be used to pay the king what the servant owed.

²⁶ "But the servant fell on his knees and begged, 'Be patient with me. I will pay you everything I owe.' ²⁷ The master felt sorry for his servant. So, the master told the servant he did not have to pay. He let the servant go free.

²⁸ "Later, that same servant found another servant who owed him a few dollars. The servant grabbed the other servant around the neck and said, 'Pay me the money you owe me!'

²⁹ "The other servant fell on his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me. I will pay you everything I owe.'

³⁰ "But the first servant refused to be patient. He threw the other servant into prison until he could pay everything he owed. ³¹ All the other servants saw what happened. They were very sorry. So, they went and told their master all that had happened.

³² "Then the master called his servant in and said, 'You evil servant! You begged me to forget what you owed. So, I told you that you did not have to pay anything. ³³ I had mercy on you. You should have had the same mercy on that other servant.' ³⁴ The master was very angry, and he put the servant in prison to be punished. The servant had to stay in prison until he could pay everything he owed.

³⁵ "This king did what my heavenly Father will do to you if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."



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Peace

Jesus Stops a Storm Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That evening, Jesus said to his followers, "Come with me across the lake." ³⁶ He and the followers left the people there. They went in the boat that Jesus was already sitting in. There were also other boats with them. ³⁷ A very strong wind came up on the lake. The waves began coming over the sides and into the boat. It was almost full of water. ³⁸ Jesus was at the back of the boat, sleeping with his head on a pillow. The followers went to him and woke him. They said, "Teacher, do you care about us? We will drown!"

³⁹ Jesus stood up and commanded the wind and the waves to stop. He said, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind stopped, and the lake became calm.

⁴⁰ Jesus said to his followers, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ The followers were very afraid and asked each other, "What kind of man is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"



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Honesty

Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

19 Jesus was going through the city of Jericho. **2** In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a wealthy, very important tax collector. **3** He wanted to see who Jesus was, but he was too short to see above the crowd. **4** He ran ahead to a place where he knew Jesus would come. He climbed a sycamore tree so he could see Jesus. **5** When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and saw Zacchaeus in the tree. He said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down! I must stay at your house today."

6 Zacchaeus came down quickly. He was pleased to have Jesus in his house. **7** All the people saw this and began to complain, "Look at the kind of man Jesus stays with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"

8 But Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I will give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I will pay that person back four times more!"

9 Jesus said, "Salvation has come to this house today. This man truly belongs to the family of Abraham. **10** The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."