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pastor's message

At a recent Bible study our group looked closely at the very provocative parable of the Good Samaritan. A few days later, I came across something called, **"I Will Be A Good Samaritan."** I would like to share it with you. It is especially meaningful during the season of Lent. (The author is unknown).

"I will be a Good Samaritan. I will be sensitive to the needs of others and actively look for ways to befriend them. I will become aware of human suffering, get involved in the struggle against it and comfort those in sorrow. I will withhold judgment of my neighbors and attempt to understand their thinking, attitudes of behavior. I will forgive those who have injured me. I will not close my eyes or pass by on the other side wherever there is a need of my service, my friendship, or my presence. I will lift someone's spirit by giving the most needed gift of all – a word of hope and encouragement.

I will remember to be grateful to those who have been 'Good Samaritans' to me in the past and who keep me away from falling into the ditches of discouragement, depression and defeat. I will be a Good Samaritan for the inner joy of serving, and because helping others is what the golden rule is all about. I will recognize that my neighbor is anyone and that my brother and sister include everyone. I will feel so much joy, experience so much growth and receive such a blessing as a Good Samaritan today, that I will be a Good Samaritan again tomorrow."

The world would be such a better place if we all would pattern ourselves after the Good Samaritan of Jesus' parable.

All praises to God,
Leigh Pezet, Pastor