



Sermon Excerpts:

“Currency of Time and Place, Sermon Six”

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Luke 10:30-35 (NLT) *“Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. “By chance, a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.”*”

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Our part is to reimagine the roads, places, situations, and circumstances that harm people and do something about them. “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

Sometimes getting involved complicates our neat Christian church communities, so it feels easier not to. The parable challenges our non-involvement.

“Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.” Victor Hugo

The Jericho Road will look different for each of us. It could mean working with those experiencing poverty, dealing with the broken relationships in our homes and families, combating loneliness, fighting injustice, standing up for the oppressed, and being inclusive.

Whatever our Jericho Road looks like, it will be difficult, costly, and painful, but it will be well worth the journey. “Every day the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter. Don't stress on what was, fight for what could be.” - Sean Higgins

1. An understanding that we are all in this together.
2. An appreciation of the value of “otherness.”
3. An ability to hold tension in life-giving ways.
4. A sense of personal voice and agency.
5. A capacity to create community.

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