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THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Since we are made in the image of God, it stands to reason that we will also in our human spirits desire to be like God automatically, at least until the age of decision or the time of decision when we decide to believe in the Gospel of Jesus.

I have been continuously amazed that people who have never heard the true good news of Christ, 'have it in them' by the Spirit of God, that they desire to love and help and be loving and caring and kind and these are, one can say, the fruits of the Spirit.

Well, the fruits of the Spirit, one can say, are what has been PUT into man and woman by God. For God breathed into Adam the breath of life, and he (Adam) became a living soul!! The living soul was created to do good, and be an image of God.

Genesis 2:7

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And also these verses at the beginning of God's Holy Book!

Genesis 1:26

And God said, **Let us make man in our image**, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.



Genesis 9:6

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

God put into the body of Adam, the living soul, and with the soul, the ability to choose between life and death, and between good and evil. This is so clear, so forthright in the Bible.

So it has taken me almost most of my life to understand this principle and this truth, which is; inside (most) men and women is the desire to do good. When Jesus was born the ultimate GOOD NEWS was that Jesus and God (God through Jesus) came to the earth to proclaim the good news to all men and women. But there is a downside. The battle for human souls has been conducted since the fall of man. Satan has not

Bruno Lobo, a Paris 2024 Olympic kite surfer, rescued a woman while training in Brazil.

accepted that God can keep all souls. He wants to have as many as he can. One of the traits of humans who love God or also those many millions who don't know him, but in their hearts are seekers and hungry for 'something better', this trait is the innate desire to help those in a worse condition than themselves! We see this very clearly and beautifully in the Good Samaritan parable. 'The Good Samaritan' is yet another phrase that pervades so many languages yet came from a verse in the Bible.

Let's look at this parable Jesus told, and then I have a beautiful text/story after this to share with you, of one of millions of modern day 'Good Samaritans'.

Luke 10: 25-37

25 And then a certain lawyer arose to try (test, tempt) Him, saying, Teacher, what am I to do to inherit everlasting life [that is, to partake of eternal salvation in the Messiah's kingdom]?

26 Jesus said to him, What is written in the Law? How do you read it?

27 And he replied, You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.

28 And Jesus said to him, you have answered correctly; do this, and you will live [enjoy active, blessed, endless life in the kingdom of God].

29 And he, determined to acquit

himself of reproach, said to Jesus,
And who is my neighbour?

30 Jesus, taking him up, replied,
**A certain man was going from
Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he
fell among robbers, who stripped
him of his clothes and belongings
and beat him and went their way,
[unconcerned] leaving him half
dead, as it happened.**

31 Now by coincidence a certain
priest was going down along that
road, and when he saw him, he
passed by on the other side.

32 A Levite likewise came down to
the place and saw him, and passed
by on the other side [of the road].

33 **But a certain Samaritan, as
he travelled along, came down
to where he was; and when he
saw him, he was moved with
pity and sympathy [for him],**
34 And went to him and dressed his
wounds, pouring on [them] oil and
wine. Then he set him on his own
beast and brought him to an inn and
took care of him.

35 And the next day he took out two
denarii [two day's wages] and gave
[them] to the innkeeper, saying, Take
care of him; and whatever more you
spend, I [myself] will repay you when
I return.

**36 Which of these three do you
think proved himself a neighbour to
him who fell among the robbers?
37 He answered, The one who
showed pity and mercy to him.
And Jesus said to him, Go and do
likewise.**

I think we are all very familiar with
this parable, and there are even
many books and sermons that have
been written about this portion
of scripture. There are scores of
spiritual lessons also that we can
learn and have probably heard
about.

**The Good Samaritan was not the
man you would expect him to be
by the outward appearance. God
judges by our deeds and not by what
we say or our current reputation.
The Good Samaritan also had to
make a significant sacrifice and take
a huge risk to help this poor man 'on
the road to Jericho.**

I encourage you all to meditate and
pray over this text above.

A modern Good Samaritan.

Two days ago I stumbled across this
story, which was so beautiful. There
are so many things like this below
happening around the world. Praise
God.

Please have a read of this great man
below, great because he was greatly
good.



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Gary Bolyer 12 Dec
Meals-n-Minutes
"I'm Big Joe. 58. Long-haul trucker.
Been driving 18-wheelers for 34
years. Sleep in my cab. Eat at truck
stops. Talk on CB radio to stay awake.
Lonely job. But someone's gotta
move America's stuff.
Two years ago, I'm driving through
Nebraska. 2 a.m. See a car pulled
over. Hazards on.
Woman standing outside. Looking
scared.
I pulled over. She backed away when
she saw me. I'm 6'4", 280 pounds,
covered in tattoos. I get it.
"Ma'am, I'm not stopping to hurt
you. I'm stopping to help. What's
wrong?"
Her car died. Phone dead. She'd been
there three hours. Nobody stopped.
"Where you headed?"
"Hospital. Omaha. My daughter's
in emergency surgery. I have to get
there."

No hesitation. "Get in. I'll take you."
"In your truck?"

"Safest vehicle on this highway."

She hesitated. Then got in.

Drove her 60 miles out of my way.
Got her there in time. She hugged
me hard.

"Nobody stops anymore," she cried.

"Thank you for seeing me."

Got back on the road. Couldn't stop
thinking about it.

Got on the CB. Told other truckers.

"We see everything out here. We
should do something."

Started a code. "Code Angel" we
call it. When truckers see someone
broken down, stranded, in trouble,
we stop. We help.

Word spread. Truckers across the
country joined.

Last year, we helped 1,200 people.

Dead batteries. Out of gas. Medical
emergencies. Domestic violence
victims escaping. Runaways needing
safe transport to shelters.

We've got a network now. Truckers,
CB radio, truck stops. Someone
needs help? We mobilize.

Saved six lives last year. People
broken down in dangerous spots.

Diabetics in crisis. A kidnapping
victim we spotted and reported.

But here's my favourite story.

Last month, I'm at a truck stop.

Young kid approaches me. Maybe 19.
Scared.

"Are you Big Joe?"

"Yeah."

"You know how to ride in a truck?"

His eyes filled. "You'd help me?"

"That's what we do."

I didn't go to San Francisco. But I got
him to a trucker who was. She took
him the rest of the way.

He made it. Safe.

Now there's 4,000 truckers in
Code Angel. We've got an app.

Dispatchers. Resources.

News called us "Guardian Angels of
the Highway."

But we're just truckers. Doing what's
right.

That woman in Nebraska? Her
daughter survived surgery. She sends
me Christmas cards every year.

The kid I helped? He's in college now.
Studying social work. Says he wants
to help invisible people like truckers

helped him.

I'm Big Joe. I drive a truck. Sleep in parking lots. Smell like diesel.

But I learned something.

The loneliest roads are where people need help most. And the scariest-looking people are sometimes the ones who stop.

So tomorrow, if you break down, if you're stranded, if you're running from something bad,

Look for the trucks. We're watching.

We're listening.

We might look rough. But we'll get you home.

Because the highway doesn't have to be lonely.

Not when 4,000 truckers refuse to drive past people in trouble."

Amen! I just had to weep quite a lot when I read this article. It seems like I do a great deal of weeping and deep crying as I get older!

Isn't it amazing to hear this story?

Do you have Good Samaritan stories, big or small? Please send them in to this email and we will publish them by God's grace.

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A Prayer:

Dear Lord I pray that in this New Year, You, dear Lord, will move in my heart to be a witness of your great Love, help me to listen to those checks of your spirit, like this trucker and like the original Good Samaritan in Luke chapter 10. Please use me as I make myself and energy and time and finances available for your Kingdom and Glory. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

.Let this story reach more hearts....

-Joe Lena



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