***Won’t You Be My Neighbor?***

Luke 10:25-37

I don’t want to be your neighbor.

**Being a good neighbor begins with *CARE*.**

**Matthew 5:43-45 (CSB)**   
43 "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

**Leviticus 19:33-34 (CSB)**   
33 When an alien resides with you in your land, you must not oppress him. 34  You will regard the alien who resides with you as the native-born among you. *You are to love him as yourself*, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.

*Theology without love is simply very bad theology.*

*Don't get me wrong: I love theology, doctrine, and academic study of the Bible.   
But the purpose of the Christian faith is transformation, not information.*

Paul David Tripp

**Being a good neighbor is *INCONVENIENT*.**

* *My problems keep me from loving you.*
* *My problem is that your problem exists in a galaxy far, far away.*

**Being a good neighbor *COSTS*.**

*What has my love for my neighbor cost me?*

**Being a good neighbor *WORKS*.**

*Love is never stationary*. – Bob Goff, *Love Does*

*What does God want me to DO based on this passage?*

**Galatians 5:14-15 (CSB)**

14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: *Love your neighbor as yourself*. 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.