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Devotional – Sunday June 28, 2020 - Prepared by Rita Halma

This week, and this coming Sunday morning, I invite us to reflect on a story told by Jesus 2000 ish years ago. The story is probably extremely familiar - most of us have probably heard and read it many times throughout our lives. And yet, it is one that seems essential for us at such a time as this – June, 2020.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

[Luke 10:25-37](#) NASB

Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and [u]beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. ³¹ And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, ³⁴ and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day he took out two [o]denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.' ³⁶ Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' *hands*?" ³⁷ And he said, "The one who showed mercy toward him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do [o]the same."

Some thoughts to ponder this week and discuss this Sunday

- Context – setting, when, where, etc of Jesus telling this story
- Why Jesus told this story
- Who the story was directed to
- Why this story was considered significant to be recorded for us to hear and reflect on ever since Jesus told it
- What this story might say to our society and us in particular today
- How we might respond to the challenge this story presents
- Other – what else? What else comes to mind?

Please reflect and come prepared to discuss, offer insights you have gained about the challenge presented in this parable, etc.