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#### **White Christmas**

<sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT)

Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

1 John 4:11 (NLT)

#### **Three Attitudes Toward Others**

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<sup>30</sup> In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:30-31 (NIV2011)

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<sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:32 (NIV2011)

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	<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.  Luke 10:33 (NIV2011)		
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	out to him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went Luke 10:33 (MSG)		
	Don't be concerned for your own good but for the good of others.  1 Corinthians 10:24 (NLT)		
2	with people's pain.		
	33 and when he saw him, he took pity on him. Luke 10:33 (NIV2011)		
	<sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 (NRSV)		
	<sup>4</sup> and the one who so wonderfully comforts and strengthens us in our hardships and trials. And why does he do this? So that when others are troubled, needing our sympathy and encouragement, we can pass on to them this same help and comfort God has given us.  2 Corinthians 1:4 (TLB)		

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## 3. the moment

<sup>34</sup> Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them.

Luke 10:34a (NLT)

<sup>27</sup> Never walk away from someone who deserves help; your hand is *God's* hand for that person. <sup>28</sup> Don't tell your neighbor, "Maybe some other time," or, "Try me tomorrow," when the money's right there in your pocket.

Proverbs 3:27-28 (MSG)

### 4. whatever it takes

<sup>34</sup> Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

Luke 10:34b-35 (NIV2011)

<sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. <sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually, giving you water when you are dry and restoring your strength. You will be like a well-watered garden, like an ever-flowing spring.

Isaiah 58:10-11 (NLT)

# My Next Step Today Is To...

- Recognizing God's love for me I am choosing to trust Him and receive Him as my Savior and Lord.
- Ask for God's forgiveness for the time I have been distant and uninvolved in the lives of those He has placed in my path.
- Ask God to help me to grow when it comes to loving others.
- Meditate on and/or memorize 1 John 4:11