"Love God with All You Are" Disrupted Sermon Series: Week 8 Dr. Mark Foster June 7, 2020

We can love God with all that we are because we know Psalm 145:8-9: *"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made."*

What are we to do?

Love God with ______ that you are; and your neighbor as yourself. "Loving God means bringing all the aspects of your heart, personality, and emotions to the relationship so that he can work with you and help you." – Dr. John Townsend Jesus says, it is not enough to the right thing. We must it.

The Problem – We struggle to bring our ______ to God. The 20-mile road from Jericho to Jerusalem was notoriously ______.

The Characters – The lawyers wanted to define the		_ required for neighborliness.
The central character of Jesus' story is defined only by what		to him.
If the found a corpse, he was required to bury it.		
If the touched a dead man, he would be unclean for seven days.		
It was well-known that robbers used to lure people into their traps.		
The Samaritan was a	s a not expected to show sympathy to Jews.	
The Samaritan was	to help with wine to cleanse and	d oil to heal.
The Samaritan gave roughly to the innkeeper.		

The Lawyer's Answer

Notice the racist answer where he would not even use his ______. Jesus says, "Go act like this person you _______. "Go and do likewise." "In the end, we will be judged not by the creed we hold but by the life we live." — William Barclay

Jesus' Explicit Call for Unity

As we focus on God and love God and neighbor, ______ happens. God's reality is ______ where all the parts work together for good. *"When you are in a bad situation in life and can't find it within yourself to know what the next step*

should be – love God." – Dr. Henry Cloud

Action Steps

Love God with every part of yourself – heart, soul, mind, actions – and watch begin to unfold.

Refuse to take part in ______ or division: online, in conversation, in your thoughts.

Show ______ this week because Jesus said, "Go and do likewise."

God makes a ______ to the extent you make ______ for God to work.

"Justice cannot prevail until there are enough people properly equipped with Christ's character and power... who cooperatively and under God constantly see to it that the good is secured and that the right is done." – Dallas Willard