



Jesus with Skin On

Be Willing to Be Inconvenienced

⁴¹If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴²Give to one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you." Matthew 5:41-42



Engage

Has there been a time in your life when you have been in need and someone has come to your aid? If so, tell us about it. How did you feel before, after and while your need was being met?



Encounter

How was the Samaritan inconvenienced because he noticed the need, took pity and served the injured traveler?

Why do you think the Samaritan was willing to be inconvenienced but the priest and Levite were not?

How does being willing to be inconvenienced for the sake of others show our love for God and our love for people?

Where in Scripture including Matthew 5:41-42, do we learn what it means to "go the extra mile for others"? What do these passages teach us about "inconveniences"?



Express

How willing are you to be interrupted by the needs of others even if its not convenient?

Why do we sometimes see people in need as an inconvenience?

How would our hearts be different if we didn't see the needs of others as inconvenience?

What can you do to see the needs of people as priority rather than an inconvenience?

If we make people a priority, what type of inconveniences should we expect to encounter?

Prayer: Spend an extended time in prayer asking for God allow you to be inconvenienced for his sake.

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷He answered: " '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, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' " ²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins 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.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" ³⁷The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:25-37