



WHO IS MY FELLOW-MAN?

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Slide 2 Do you think it is important to obey God? Yes? **Slide 3** No? In any case, that's what he expects from us. **Slide 4** Here is the first command he gave us:

Slide 5 - You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.

Slide 6 And what about the 2nd commandment, do you know it?

Slide 7 - You will love your neighbor as yourself.

Slide 8 To love my fellow-man, it's indeed what God asks me to do:

Slide 9 - But who is my fellow-man?

This is the question **Slide 10** a religious man, a doctor of law, asked Jesus. And He **Slide 11** answered him with a little story, a parable. You can read this story in **Slide 12** the Gospel of Luke, chapter 20.

Michel is going to tell us now and then you will be able to think about this question:

Slide 13 What can I do for my neighbor?

Slide 14 AN UNHAPPY MAN AND A STRANGER

Slide 15 One resident from the city of Jerusalem has decided to take a trip:

Slide 16 - I'm going to Jericho; it's a very nice city. I must take an important amount of money because I will need it.

He put on his sandals, took his stick, carefully hid his money in his belt and here he left. The area was desert. No houses! No inhabitants! He felt very lonely.

Slide 17 - I don't really like this path, we always go down and it never stops zigzagging. Since I left, I haven't met a single person, **Slide 18** it's really deserted here. Finally! I should be arriving soon!

Suddenly, **Slide 19** someone jumped on him; they are thieves who had hidden behind a bush. They hit him violently, threw him to the ground, tore his clothes off, **Slide 20** took his money, and run away, **Slide 21** leaving him covered with wounds, half-dead.

Slide 22 He couldn't get up or scream. He had no strength.

How long did he stay there? Nobody knows.

Oh! He seemed to hear footsteps, he listened attentively. Someone was coming forward on the road.

He said to himself:

Slide 23 - Here comes some help! And find regaining courage.

The man who **Slide 24** arrived was a priest. **Slide 25** He saw the wounded man. He was very close **Slide 26** now. He made a detour, **Slide 27** crossed the road and walked away without looking back.

The sound of his footsteps disappeared and there **Slide 28** it is again, the silence, the abandon again.

Later, **Slide 29** another traveler passed by. He was a Levite. A man who served God in the temple.

Slide 30 - I hope this Levite will help me, said the wounded man to himself. I can't stay like this, I'm suffering too much!

Slide 31 The Levite was now getting closer to him; **Slide 32** **Slide 2** he took at the wounded man, then rapidly walked away, **Slide 33** leaving the unfortunate by the wayside.

The hours **Slide 34** go by.

The trotting **Slide 35** of a donkey attracted the attention of the injured man. He slightly raised the head:

Slide 36 - Oh! It's a stranger! A Samaritan! He's not the one to rescue me. Jews and Samaritans, don't love each other, we never talk to each other. He is going to pretend not to see me and like the others, he will continue his way and will leave me there.

Slide 37 The Samaritan saw him from very far. He was moved with compassion, he had mercy on him:

Slide 38 - What happened to this man? He was wondering. Certainly he has been attacked; there are so many thieves and robbers in this area. What a miserable condition they put him in, he is going to die **Slide 39** if He stays here.

He got off his donkey, got closer to the injured man **Slide 40** and leaned over him. He looked at his wounds, disinfected them one by one with oil and wine, **Slide 41** then covered

them with bandages.

The injured man felt better, but was unable to stand or walk:

Slide 42 - I will not leave you there, said the Samaritan, we will continue the trip together.

He lifted him up and loaded him onto his donkey. **Slide 43** Then, they set off again, the Samaritan walking beside the injured man. After so many efforts, **Slide 44** they arrived at the hostel, where they were able to eat and rest.

Slide 45 The next morning, the Samaritan paid the innkeeper for himself but also for the injured man and even gave him more. He said:

-I must continue my journey, but I would like you **Slide 46** to take care of this man! Feed him and continue to heal his wounds until he is healed. **Slide 47** I am giving you this amount of money but if you spend more on him, when I get back, I will reimburse.

Slide 48 Make sure He's missing nothing.

Slide 49 **1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

Slide 50 Jesus finished his story and him too asked the doctor of the law **Slide 51** this question. I will ask you, are you ready?

Slide 52 - Which of the 3 travelers do you think acted like a fellow man toward the wounded man?

Found it! **Slide 53** This is the 3rd! The lawyer, too, gave the correct answer:

Slide 54 - It's the one who stopped and who took care of him.

Slide 55 - Good thing! said Jesus, well, **Slide 56** you go and do the same!

You understand, **Slide 57** your neighbor is the one who is **Slide 58** very close to you, your father, your mother, your sister, your grandmother, your boyfriend. But still he is the one you are getting closer to. When you are coming near **Slide 59** someone, a friend who is alone, in need, in trouble, sick, and that you bring him help, well, you show that you love your neighbor.

Slide 60 To love your neighbor as yourself, it is not only saying nice words; **Slide 61** but it is helping, sharing, giving time, money. It is quite simply doing to others what we would have them do to us.

So today, tomorrow, **Slide 62** what are you going to do to show your neighbor you like him?

Well, think about it and you will find **Slide 63** plenty of things to do! See you soon!

Slide 64 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!

It is among the family that a child learns, from an early age, to love in convenient a way. We must teach him how to help the others, how to share, how to give.

He also learns, for instance. Are we paying attention to what is going on around us?

Slide 65 *How do we look at others, those who are close to us via family bondings, friendship and strangers? How do we express our kindness, our compassion?*

Slide 66 *Let's encourage our children to obey God's command* **Slide 67** *and let's lead them because they do not have sufficient maturity to discern situations that could be misleading or dangerous.* **Slide 68** *We also have a duty to protect.*

Finally, let's listen to this verse from **Slide 69** *Psalm 41:*

"Happy is he who cares about the poor! In the day of trouble, the Lord comes to his relief. He supports him on his bed of sufferings; He takes care of him during his illness."

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