

# DARE TO BE GREAT

*Dare to Care*

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## Message Notes

### THE DARE TO BE GREAT CHALLENGE:

A Great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Great Commandments  
and the Great Commission done with Great Compassion  
will grow a Great \_\_\_\_\_ (and a great Christian).

### The Great Commandments:

<sup>34</sup>But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they met together to question him again. <sup>35</sup>One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: <sup>36</sup>Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment.

<sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

- Matthew 22:34-40

### The Parable of the Good Samaritan:

<sup>30</sup>Jesus replied with a story: 'A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. <sup>31</sup>By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. <sup>32</sup>A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. <sup>34</sup>Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, "Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here." <sup>36</sup>Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?' Jesus asked. <sup>37</sup>The man replied, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Then Jesus said, 'Yes, now go and do the same.'"

— Luke 10:30-37

## 4 WAYS TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ WHEN SOMEONE IS HURTING.

"With this news, strengthen those who have tired hands, and encourage those who have weak knees. Say to those with fearful hearts, 'Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you.'"

— Isaiah 35:3-4

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHEN SOMEONE IS LOST.**

*“Be alert. If you see your friend going wrong, correct him...”*

— Luke 17:3

*“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.”*

— 1 Peter 3:15

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS HELP.**

*“It's criminal to ignore a neighbor in need...”*

— Proverbs 14:21

*“The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.”*

— Proverbs 11:25

*“Never abandon a friend, either yours or your father's. Then in your time of need, you won't have to ask your relatives for assistance. It is better to go to a neighbor than to a relative who lives far away.”*

— Proverbs 27:10

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHEN SOMEONE LETS ME DOWN.**

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*

– Ephesians 4:32

*“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

— John 13:34-35

**Memory Verse:**

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

- Matthew 22:39

**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO...**

- Memorize Matthew 22:39.
- Choose to forgive someone who has let me down, specifically:  
\_\_\_\_\_ .
- Receive Christ into my life and release all control to Him.
- Attend Membership Class today at 5:00 pm at Crestwood.