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(2) The Great \_\_\_\_\_.

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Real \_\_\_\_\_ moves us to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Luke 10:25-37 (VOICE)** *Teacher, what must I do to experience the eternal life? Jesus: What is written in the Hebrew Scriptures? How do you interpret their answer to your question? Scholar: You shall love—"love the Eternal One your God with everything you have: all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind"—and "love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus: Perfect. Your answer is correct. Follow these commands and you will live. The scholar was frustrated by this response . . . . Jesus: This fellow was traveling down from Jerusalem to Jericho when some robbers mugged him. They took his clothes, beat him to a pulp, and left him naked and bleeding and in critical condition . . . . =>*

*By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. Then a Levite who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. Then a despised Samaritan journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night . . . . Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers? Scholar: The one who showed mercy to him. Jesus: Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.*

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1. Make the most of every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Look for someone needing \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Let your conversation be full of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Grace is an \_\_\_\_\_ that makes things better and brighter.
3. Seasoned with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Seasoned with salt implies being \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.



Many are aware of the "10 Commandments." The Old Testament contains **613** commandments. Jesus simplifies the Old Testament down to two things:

- (1) The Great **Commandment**. Focus your life around . . . .

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- (2) The Great **Commission**. The Great Commandment in action.

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Real **love** moves us to **action**.

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**WE ARE TOO BUSY!** The average American spends about 7 hours of screen time daily. Half of our waking hours are spent staring at a phone or a TV. That's 49 hours a week. 210 hours a month. 105 days a year. 8,200 days over a typical lifespan (78 year). That is 22 years. **We're not too busy, we're too preoccupied.**

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*By chance, a priest was going down that same road, and when he saw the wounded man, he crossed over to the other side and passed by. Then a Levite [a church volunteer] who was on his way to assist in the temple also came and saw the victim lying there, and he too kept his distance. Then a despised Samaritan journeyed by. When he saw the fellow, he felt compassion for him. The Samaritan went over to him, stopped the bleeding, applied some first aid, and put the poor fellow on his donkey. He brought the man to an inn and cared for him through the night . . . . Which of these three proved himself a neighbor to the man who had been mugged by the robbers? Scholar: The one who showed mercy to him. Jesus: Well then, go and behave like that Samaritan.*

Isn't it interesting how we segment our help? At church, not street.

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1. Make the most of every **opportunity**. God sets us up. Divine appointments. Look for someone needing **help** or **encouragement**.
2. Let your conversation be full of **grace**. Grace is an **undeserved kindness** that makes things better and brighter. At work, bring in some krispy kremes!
3. Seasoned with **salt**. Seasoned with salt implies being **tasteful** or **tactful**. Tailor what you say to their need and invite them to church. Your invitation ties your good work to the Lord.

**Matthew 5:13-14 (MSG)** *Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth . . . . Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world.*

Why do we search for the lost?

Because Jesus never stopped loving and searching for us.