

A photograph of a person walking away from the viewer on a paved road that cuts through a range of hills. The sky is a warm, golden-yellow color, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The hills are covered in low-lying vegetation and shrubs.

T H E G O O D

SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25 - 37

Seinfeld



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25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” **26** He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” **27** And he answered, “You shall 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 your neighbor as yourself.” **28** And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

The Lawyer Tests Jesus (v. 25-28)

The Flawed Question (v. 25)

- “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?
 - An inheritance is not a payment for a service. It is a gift to be received.

The Lawyer Tries To Justify Himself (v. 29)

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

The Clarifying Question (v. 29)

- “Who is my neighbor?”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (vs. 30-35)

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.

34 He went to him and bound up his wounds,
pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his
own animal and brought him to an inn and took
care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out
two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper,
saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you
spend, I will repay you when I come back.’

Road to Jericho from Jerusalem



- It's all down hill
 - 3000 ft. decrease in elevation
- Rugged terrain
- 17 miles long

Scene 1: A Jewish Man is Robbed

- Stripped – no clothes
- Half dead – unconscious

Scene 2: The Priest

- His religious rules kept him from helping.

Scene 3: The Levite

- Follows the example of his superior
- Fears insulting the priest.

Scene 4: The Samaritan

- A hated outsider shows compassion.

Scene 5: Treats Wounds

Scene 6: Transports to the Inn

- Samaritan puts his own life in danger by transporting an injured Jewish man to a Jewish town.

Scene 7: Spends Money

- The Samaritans generosity saves the man from slavery.

Jesus' Final Question (vs. 36)

36 Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" 37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

- Which man proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?

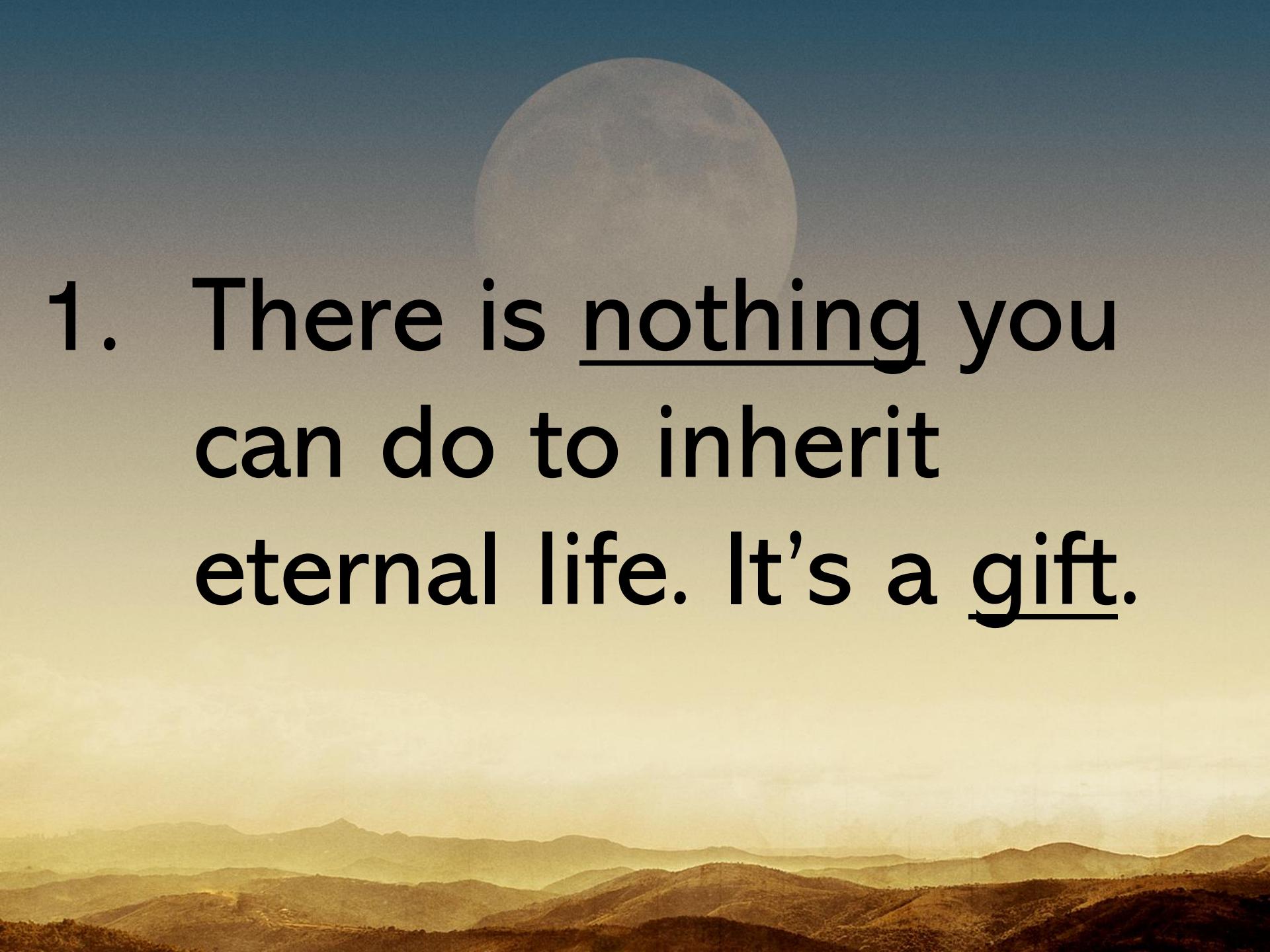
The Lawyer's Painful Answer (vs. 37)

- The “one” who showed him mercy.
 - Refuses to say the “Samaritan.”
- The lawyer’s been asking the wrong question.
 - “Who is my neighbor?”
 - Jesus’ answer “Everyone in need.”
 - Jesus asks, “To whom must I become a neighbor?”
- The lawyer recognizes the impossibility of the task.



APPLICATION



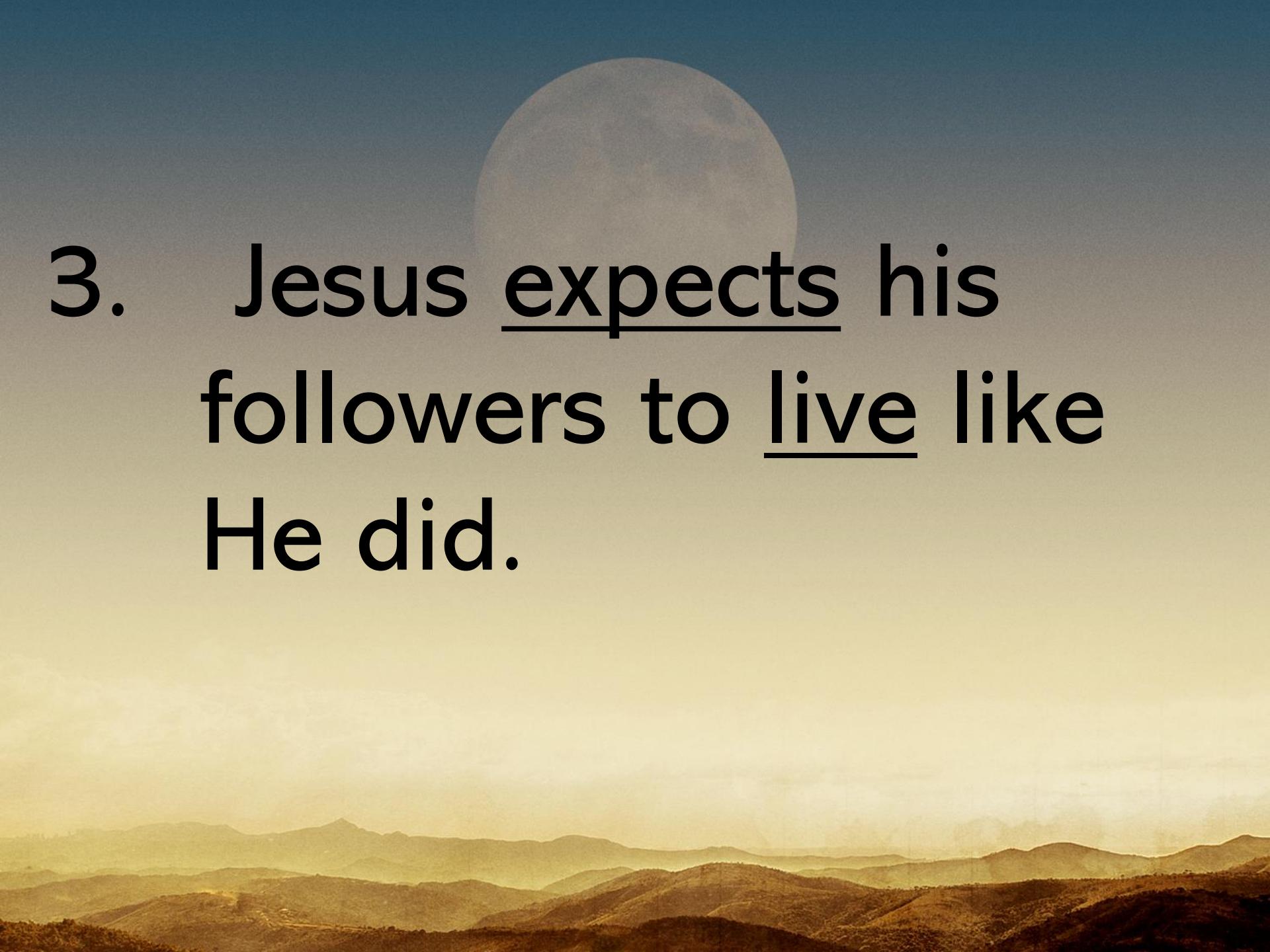
A large, bright sun rises over a hilly landscape. The sky is a gradient from deep blue at the top to a warm orange and yellow near the horizon. The hills in the foreground are dark and silhouetted against the light of the rising sun.

1. There is nothing you
can do to inherit
eternal life. It's a gift.



2. Luke wants us to see
that Jesus is our
Good Samaritan.

– Jesus was the outcast who came to bind the wounds of our sin and he did it at great personal cost to himself.



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- We are to become a neighbor to everyone in need, even enemies.
- To Jesus, love is something you feel and do.
- How neighborly do you act toward those you disagree with on social media?

3. Jesus expects his followers to live like He did.

- Even when church leadership fails you, Jesus commands you to love your neighbor at great personal cost to yourself.
 - Robbers did evil to the man by violence.
 - Priest/Levite did evil to the man by negligence.
 - Our failure to do good to those in need is an evil.