



## **Love: Regardless - Pastor Heather Zempel**

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Text: [Luke 10:25-37](#)

### 5 Tools for Engaging Scripture

- Genre
- Geographical
- Historical
- Cultural
- Spiritual

### 4 Characteristics of Parables

- Engaging story- it's engaging and memorable
- Ethical example- it gives a model to follow
- Theological teaching- it reveals something about the character of God and his kingdom
- Christological revelation- some parables unveil something about who Jesus is and what he is about.

### **The Simple Act of Seeing**

"I have learned over a lifetime to see Christ in everyone." (Mother Teresa)

*Are we willing to make decisions against our schedules?*

*Are we willing to make decisions against our categories?*

## **The Brave Act of Engaging the Mess**

[Proverbs 14:4](#)

**Are we willing to make decisions against our convenience?**

**Are we willing to make decisions against our comfort?**

## **The Risky Act of Showing Compassion**

**Are we willing to make decisions against our security?**

There are three places in the Old Testament where the linguistic construction ve' ahavta ("and you shall love") occurs.

[Deuteronomy 6:5](#) - "Love (ve' ahavta) the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

[Leviticus 19:18](#) - "...love (ve' ahavta) your neighbor as yourself"

[Leviticus 19:34](#) - "...The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love (ve' ahavta) them as yourself..."

Jesus strings these together to build his teaching that his love and the love we should show others is limitless.

For Further Study

**Check out these related texts in Scripture:**

[Matthew 5:43-48](#)

[Colossians 3:12-14](#)

[1 John 3:16-18](#)

Check out these resources:

Satellite Bible Atlas- [Road from Jerusalem to Jericho](#)

[Loving Your Neighbor, Who is Like You \(Lois Tverberg\)](#)

[The Parables \(Brad Young\)](#)

[Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes \(Kenneth Bailey\)](#)

[Windows Into the Bible \(Marc Turnage\)](#)