



2026 Focus: Rooted, Ready, Resilient

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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## Radical Hospitality: It Starts with The Heart

*A Heart That Seeks the Highest Good*

*Matthew 22: 37-39*

**Lesson Objective:** To help believers understand that radical hospitality is not an action first. It is a transformed heart that continually seeks the highest good of others, both members and strangers.

**Key Truth:** Radical hospitality begins in the heart, grows through compassion, and endures without weariness.

**Point to Ponder:** Radical hospitality is not about determining who qualifies for love. It is about responding to those who need mercy. A transformed heart does not filter people; it seeks their highest good.

### The Heart of Radical Hospitality *Luke 10:25-37*

#### I. THE HEART OF JESUS REDEFINES NEIGHBOR *(v. 25–29)*

A lawyer asks, “Who is my neighbor?” but Jesus shifts the focus from: “Who qualifies?” → to → “Who needs mercy?”

Radical hospitality is not selective. It is responsive to need. It reflects the heart of Jesus that sees beyond labels, rejects cultural boundaries, and focuses on the condition of people, not their category.

**Application:** We must move from:

- Convenience → **Compassion**
- Preference → **Purpose**
- Familiar → **Faith-filled response**

*Radical hospitality begins when the heart changes how it sees people.*

#### II. RADICAL HOSPITALITY IS ROOTED IN COMPASSION *(v. 30–33)*

The Samaritan “had compassion.” This is the turning point of the story.

**Key Insight:** Compassion is not pity, it is love that moves toward pain.

Others saw the man but:

- The priest → *passed by*

- The Levite → *passed by*
- The Samaritan → *was moved internally*

**He moved with the heart of Jesus:**

- Saw the overlooked
- Touched the untouchable
- Moved toward the hurting

**Application:** Radical hospitality begins with:

- A sensitive heart
- Spiritual awareness of need
- A willingness to be interrupted

*If the heart is not moved, the hands will never act.*

### III. RADICAL HOSPITALITY SEEKS THE HIGHEST GOOD (v. 34–35)

The Samaritan does more than help, he restores. He:

- Bandages wounds
- Provides transportation
- Pays for care
- Commits to follow-up

*Radical hospitality is not minimal. It is sacrificial and intentional. It seeks the highest good.*

This means not just helping temporarily, but helping in a way that leads to wholeness and restoration.

**The Heart of Jesus:** Jesus doesn't just meet needs. He transforms lives.

**Application:**

- Encourage growth, not just comfort
- Speak truth in love
- Walk with people toward healing
- Welcome without suspicion
- Serve without condition
- Love without expecting return

Radical hospitality asks: **"What does this person need to become whole?"**

### IV. RADICAL HOSPITALITY GROWS THROUGH ACTION (v. 33–35)

The Samaritan didn't just feel, he acted repeatedly.

**Notice the progression:**

*Saw → Felt → Went → Treated → Carried → Paid → Promised*

*Hospitality grows when it is practiced. Jesus modeled consistent, active love, not occasional kindness.*

**Application:**

- Start small but stay consistent
- Turn moments into ministry

*You don't grow in hospitality by thinking, you grow by doing.*

## V. RADICAL HOSPITALITY DOES NOT GROW WEARY (v. 35)

The Samaritan says, "I will repay when I return."

This shows:

- Ongoing commitment
- Long-term care
- No quick exit

*Radical hospitality is not a moment. It is a lifestyle.*

**Application:** Radical hospitality does not stop because:

- It's inconvenient
- It's costly
- It's unnoticed

*True hospitality is sustained by love, not applause.*

## VI. JESUS' COMMAND: GO AND DO LIKEWISE (v. 37)

This is not a suggestion, it is a mandate.

*Radical hospitality is evidence of a transformed heart.*

### **In the Church (Members)**

- Move from attendance → to engagement
- From greeting → to genuine care
- From knowing names → to knowing needs

### **In the Community (Strangers)**

- See people, not problems
- Respond to needs, not appearances
- Create pathways from visitor → to belonging

### **Connection to 2026 Theme: Rooted, Ready, Resilient**

- **ROOTED** – Hospitality flows from a heart rooted in Christ
- **READY** – Hospitality responds when needs arise
- **RESILIENT** – Hospitality continues even when it's difficult