

“He is Able”
A Risk-Taking Church

I. Introduction

II. A risk-taking church

A. Luke 10:25 (NLT) *One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?”*

1. Those who want a _____ reason _____ to _____ believe _____.
2. Those who want to _____ silence _____ the disturbing message of Christ inside of them.

B. Luke 10:26-28 (NLT) ²⁶*Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”* ²⁷*The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”* ²⁸*“Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”*

C. Luke 10:29 (NLT) *The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*

1. Will we choose to actually _____ obey _____ God _____ in our _____ practice _____?

D. Luke 10:30 (NLT) *Jesus replied with an illustration: “A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes and money, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.”*

E. Luke 10:31-32 (NLT) ³¹*“By chance a Jewish priest came along; but when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by.”* ³²*A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.”*

1. How far can I go with safety and security and still continue to _____ follow _____ Christ _____?

- F. Luke 10:33 (NLT) *“Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt deep pity.”*
- G. Luke 10:34-37 (NLT) ³⁴*Kneeling beside him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵The next day he handed the innkeeper two pieces of silver and told him to take care of the man. ‘If his bill runs higher than that,’ he said, ‘I’ll pay the difference the next time I am here.’ ³⁶“Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. ³⁷The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”*
1. Taking _____ risks _____ is what the Christian life is all about!

III. Conclusion

Upcoming weekend messages for “He Is Able”

- Oct. 29-30 **The “Big Message” of Jesus**
- Nov. 5-6 **Myths About Giving**
- Nov. 13 **The Best is Yet to Come (1 Service held at the Glendale Arena)**
- Nov. 19-20 **The Kind of Church God Builds**
- Nov. 26-27 **What I Learned From our Building Campaign**

(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture verses are in the New American Standard version.)