

Week 10th – 14th February: Walking by on the Other Side (C.H.R.I.S.T. value of Responsibility)

In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answers the question 'who is my neighbour?' by suggesting we have responsibility for any person – even the one we consider our enemy – when they are in need. This week's quotations explore this theme so that we can avoid walking by on the other side (Luke 10:31).

Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions

When a foreigner resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the foreigner. The foreigner who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the foreigner as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbours, close friends, needy travellers. (an-Nisa Q 4:36)

No one is my enemy. No one is a foreigner. With all, I am at peace. God within us renders us incapable of hate and prejudice. (Guru Granth Sahib 1299)

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

Reflection & Prayer

God of compassion,
you have created the human race
to be as one
so that all are worthy of dignity and respect.
Give us courage to speak up for others in need
and to show a helping hand;
so we can be good neighbours
one to another that together
we may know life in its fulness. Amen.

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Monday	The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: 'If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?' But... the good Samaritan reversed the question: 'If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?' -- Martin Luther King, Jr.
Tuesday	If you find it in your heart to care for somebody else, you will have succeeded. -- Maya Angelou
Wednesday	Bread for myself is a material question. Bread for my neighbour is a spiritual one. -- Nikolai Berdyaev
Thursday	How can you satisfy your hunger while your neighbour is spending the night hungry? -- Sulaiman Abdul Aziz Al Rajhi
Friday	Love seeketh not itself to please, nor for itself hath any care, but for another gives its ease, and builds a Heaven in Hell's despair. -- William Blake