



Grace upon Grace

GO AND DO LIKEWISE

Dear Friends,

It was about mid day and I was tirelessly labouring in the heat, building my under the deck garden shed. On the street I saw a women looking around. I noticed a clipboard in her hand and assumed she was soliciting or surveying. I kept working and was somewhat relieved when she seemed to walk away to another address. A few minutes later she was coming up my driveway. I was surprised when she began to query me about the storm drain. She was from the government and had some quires about our subdivision. I spend some time with her locating the easement for the storm drain. She was from Iraq and been here for six years. Today's gospel is the well known parable of the Good Samaritan. A great story about what is expected of us at our most basic level of interaction. It is a story with three movements, seeing, coming near and helping. Who would have guessed that in a matter of a few minutes I would found myself in the bushes looking for a storm drain exit with a woman from Iraq. She was very appreciative of my help. My encounter had three movements, seeing, coming near and helping. Jesus responds to the Lawyer's earnest request by saying. "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." And yet it takes a story to truly get his teaching across. There are always so many opportunities around us that call out for our help. Let us be open, aware and responsive to how God works in us to be good neighbours.

In the love of our Lord Jesus,
Wayne