

NOVEMBER 29

**“IT DOESN’T MATTER HOW MUCH
OIL AND WINE YOU HAVE,
IF YOU DON’T HAVE THE TIME.”**

READ

Luke 10:25-37

There are a lot of people whose lives are in turmoil and in pain. We are the body of Christ; when one hurts, we all hurt. The Bible says to weep with those that weep, mourn with those that mourn, and rejoice with those that rejoice. We are not a church if all we do is celebrate, sing, clap, preach and go home. There has to be compassion and understanding. Jesus was teaching about loving your neighbor, when a smart aleck asked, “Who is my neighbor?” That’s when Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan who rescued the man who was robbed and left for dead. He bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine, and took care of him. It doesn’t matter how much oil and wine you have, if you don’t have time. Time is what God requires if we truly become His ministers. If we’re not careful, we can come to church and worship and not think about the person beside us who feels like life is over. We can get so caught up in our rejoicing, and bypass the one bleeding and dying beside the road. Jesus loves people. He turned their water into wine, he wept at their tomb, he sat at the well and talked with them. He bound up our wounds and poured in His oil and wine.

PRAY

Anoint me today to see someone who is suffering and to comfort them with the comfort I have received. May I be Your hands moved by Your heart of compassion, love, and grace.

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