#### Where to SHARE

... Be a Servant

Luke 10:25-28

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Loving our neighbors is a staple of biblical living. But all too often, instead of loving our neighbors, we avoid them or are simply too busy for them. How can we carve out intentional time to love those who live near us, even if they are not like us?

31 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem. Everything that is written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and He will be mocked, insulted, spit on; 33 and after they flog Him, they will kill Him." – Luke 18:31-33

25 Then an expert in the law stood up to test him, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 "What is written in the law?" he asked him. "How do you read it?" 27 He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself." 28 "You've answered correctly," he told him. "Do this and you will live." – Luke 10:25-28 (CSB)

5 Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person. – Colossians 4:5-6

Notes:

#### My Next Step(s):

- o I will preach the gospel at all times—using words when necessary.
- $\circ\,$  Like Jesus, I will recognize that serving may be uncomfortable and costly.
- $\circ\,$  I will look for opportunities to serve, making the most of my time on earth.
- $\circ\,$  I will let my service of others be done in the strength I find being loved by God.

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Memory Verse: We love because He first loved us. – 1 John 4:19







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People will demoralize you.

"I am among you as the One who serves."

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"Listen, Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Do not take revenge or bear a grudge against members of your community, but love your neighbor as yourself. He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind," and "your neighbor as yourself."

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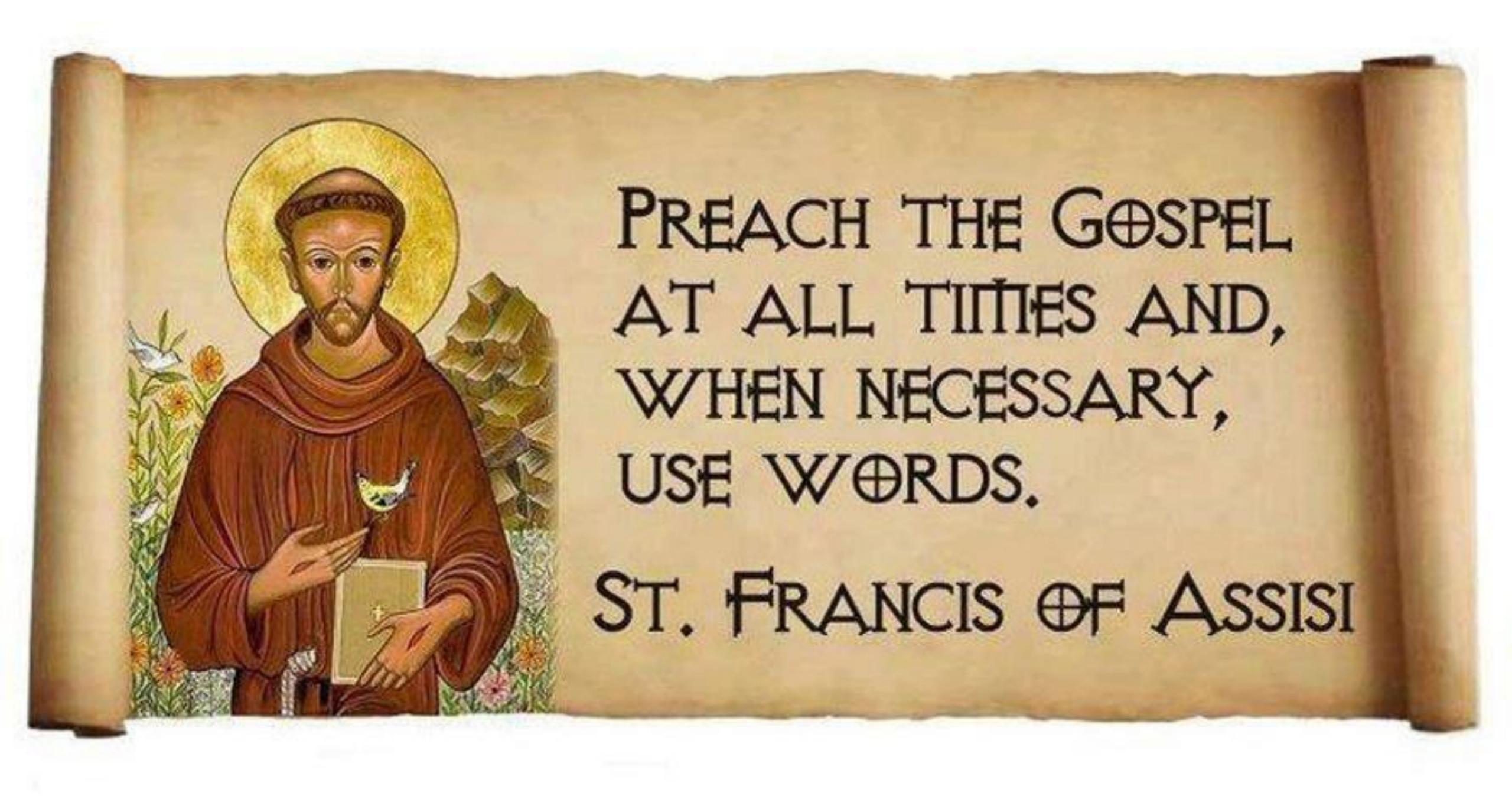
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### But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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"He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend."

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"Do not despise these <u>small beginnings</u>, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel's hand."

"Whoever is faithful in very little is also faithful in much."

"We love because he first loved us."

# God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

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Martin Luther

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