

## ***I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life***

### **Unit 5: Accountability**

#### **Lesson 1:** See It

#### **The Cave of Wisdom**

#### **The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush**

Welcome back to the cave of “Uncaring”. How many times have you said, “I don’t care!” A life that cannot care for others is a life that will miss the opportunities presented by God to create the “Singing Heart” within us. God continually “engineers” situations for us to grow spiritually ... or do you really believe that it’s all just coincidence? Besides, it’s easy to be uncaring if you believe situations are just a matter of luck and can be ignored. Just live each day blindly, unobservant of the needs around you. But the true spirit within us yearns for us to see the opportunities, to be focused on looking for them. It’s not good enough to say “Oh, I didn’t see that.” Our Lord demonstrated concern for others. We are to do likewise.

#### **The Circle of Fire:** Concern for Others.

*Scripture:* Luke 10: 36-37 – “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”, Jesus asked. The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

***Biblical Character:*** The Good Samaritan and the two.

You've probably heard the story of the Good Samaritan several times, but in this lesson, we want to consider the opportunity God "engineered" for each of the three travelers and how God does the same for us. Was it just coincidence the three travelers came upon the beaten man? If so, remember that Jesus uses the story to answer the expert's question, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer surely would not be, "just wait for luck to give you an opportunity to inherit eternal life." God does not need luck or chance and He certainly cares more for you than to leave your life and dream to chance. No, God provides the opportunities for you to achieve your dream. But you must be alert to see the opportunities God puts in your path. We are to be alert for opportunities to serve, and not just go sleepily and uncaring through life.

Act the part of the injured man sitting in the inn and telling what happened to you. Tie a bandage around your head and make your face look beaten. Torn clothing would also add to the effect. Describe the three travelers from his view on the ground. **Be creative.**

The Bible does not provide us with the thoughts of the priest and the Levite. But note the role of each and the lifestyle they probably lived. For example, the **priest** would not want to touch an injured man and risk becoming "unclean", especially if the man was "half dead". Under the Levitical

law, the office of the priesthood was limited to the tribe of Levi, and to only one family of that tribe, the family of Aaron. They represented the people before God and offered the various sacrifices prescribed in the Law.

The **Levite** was a descendant of the tribe of Levi. This name is generally used as a title for a portion of the tribal members, who were set apart for the subordinate offices of the sanctuary service, as **assistants to the priests**. *Therefore the Levites shall be Mine, because all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am the LORD*" (Numbers 3:12-13). *"And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the work for the children of Israel in the tabernacle of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary"* (Numbers 8:19). Today, the Levite would be like a deacon to us ... someone set aside to serve the church body.

Now describe the **Samaritan** who helped. This was a person the Jews wanted nothing to do with and considered low level life. Explain the meaning of using a Samaritan to the Pharisees.

Show the video of The Good Samaritan. Note that the Parable Jesus uses deals with both physical and spiritual

needs. The injured man needed physical help for his injuries, but Jesus is also the Good Samaritan who shows “mercy” to each of us by offering his life for our sins. Jesus is the “Good Neighbor” to all of us.

**Modern Character(s):** Billy Graham. Show the video Tribute to Billy Graham, a man who dedicated his life to God’s service and led millions to the cross. What if he had said “no” to his opportunity and passed by on the other side of the road?

**The Tribe:** Uncaring is not the road God wants us to travel to our dream. God wants us to be concerned for others and see the opportunities to serve Him.

**Craft:** “Holmes Lantern” See Appendix 8 Craft for instructions.

**Recreation Activity:** “Mystery Puzzle”. See Appendix 6 Recreation for instructions and material.

