

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Monday 14th November 2022

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Neighbor by JJ Heller

I came across this song on Facebook this morning and so its my thought for the day.

It's a beautiful song about understanding each other better, even in our differences, because deep down we are connected.

You can watch it [here.](#)

For those unable to download the vide, the words to the song are:

Neighbor

Sometimes it's easier to jump to conclusions
Than walk across the street
It's like I'd rather fill the blanks with illusions
Than take the time to see

You are trying to close the back door of your car
You are balancing the groceries and a baby in your arms
You are more than just a sign in your front yard
You are my neighbor

I can get so lost in the mission
Of defending what I think
I've been surfing on a sea of opinions
But just behind the screen

You are grateful that the work day's finally done
You are stuck in miles of traffic, looking at your phone
You are tryin' to feel a little less alone
You are my neighbor

When the chasm between us feels so wide
That it's hard to imagine the other side
But we don't have to see things eye to eye

For me to love you like you are my neighbor
My neighbor

Oh, to fear the unfamiliar
Is the easy way to go
But I believe we are connected more than we might ever know

There's a light that shines on both the rich and poor
Looks beyond where we came from and who we voted for
'Till I can't see a stranger anymore
I see my neighbor
May my heart be an open door to my neighbor
You are my neighbor

BIBLE VERSE:

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’[\[a\]](#); and, ‘Love your **neighbour** as yourself.’” - LUKE 10:27

BIBLE PASSAGE: Luke 10:25-37

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’[\[a\]](#); and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

30 In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. 31 A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. 32 So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man

was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

36 "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

37 The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."