



REVERSAL

HOW TRUSTING **JESUS** TURNS IT ALL AROUND

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” 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’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ...

LUKE 10:25-37

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. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. ...

LUKE 10:25-37

Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. 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.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

LUKE 10:25-37

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Prejudice against a person or people on the basis of their **membership of a particular group.**

“A Jew is not liable to the death penalty for killing a Samaritan and may withhold wages from a Samaritan.”

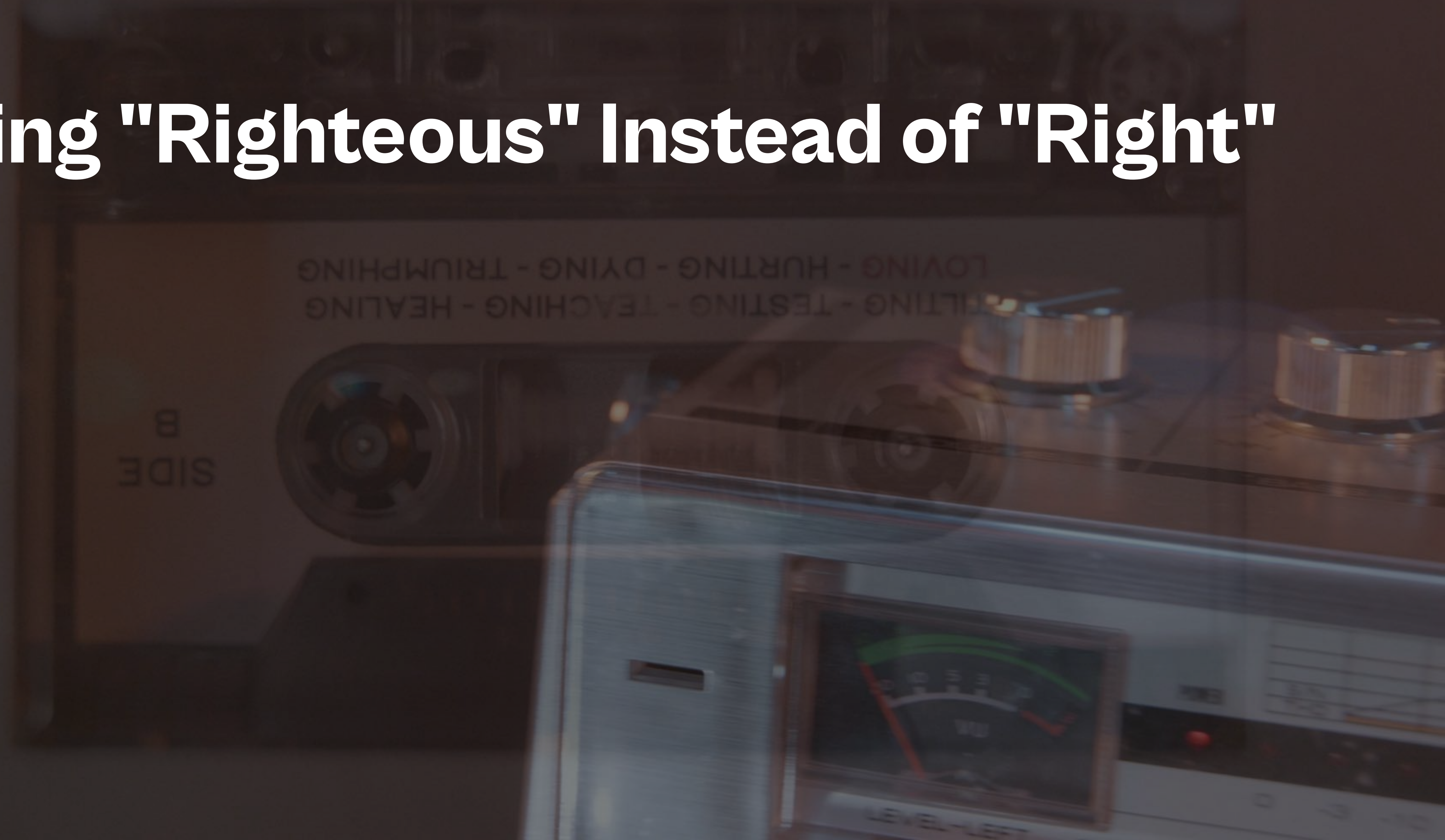
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**Even a Samaritan's faith,
coming from a place of love, is
closer to the heart of God than
a Pharisee's faith coming from
a place of self righteousness,
pride, and bigotry.**

**2020 exposed our response to the
“who is my neighbor” question, and
the inner Pharisee in all of us.**



Being "Righteous" Instead of "Right"



“There's never been a true war that wasn't fought between two sets of people who were certain they were in the right. The really dangerous people believe they are doing whatever they are doing solely and only because it is without question the right thing to do. And that is what makes them dangerous.”

Neil Gaiman

American Gods

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Asking the Righteous Question

“The parable exposes any religion with a mania for creeds and an anemia for deeds. The fear of works righteousness is far too exaggerated in most churches. The question of identity is never merely a question of what we believe as fact, but what we are, particularly what we are in relation to God and what motivates us and controls our being.”

Klyne Snogross
American Gods

Sometimes, we are inclined to love people in the manner of which we can best give it, but probably the more righteous thing to do is to love people in the manner in which they can best receive it.



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When No One Else Does, We Will



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