

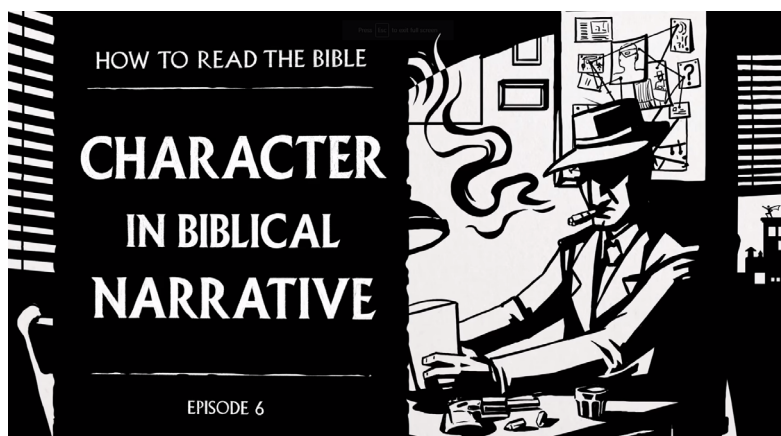
CHARACTER IN BIBLICAL NARRATIVE

OPENING QUESTION

Who are your favourite fictional characters?

LEVEL 1

VIDEO



Character in biblical narrative

by The Bible Project

Question:

The video talks about how the complex characters of the Bible help us to reflect on our own complex relationship with God. Why do you think it's so hard for us to live a virtuous life?

LEVEL 2

BIBLE

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVCE) The Parable of the good Samaritan

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. **31** Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. **33** But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. **34** He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** The next day he took out two denarii,[b] gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' **36** Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" **37** He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Question:

In this parable, the different characters and details reveal to us many different moral lessons, who and what do you think the following represents:

- The Man going away from Jerusalem?
- The robbers?
- The priest and Levite passing the man by?
- The Good Samaritan?
- The Innkeeper?
- The Inn?
- The two denarii?
- Jerusalem?

LEVEL 3**CATECHISM****If God uses people in the Bible as part of his plan, was it part of God's plan for men to suffer and die?**

God does not want men to suffer and die. God's original idea for man was paradise: life forever and peace between God, man, woman and their environment. Suffering and death come from sin where we reject God and refuse to accept his love. This manifests in a disregard for his commandments which results in our and others suffering as a result. (CCC 374-379,384,400)

Question:

We see throughout scripture that God is constantly inviting us into a deeper relationship of trust in Him. Saints like Mother Theresa of Calcutta attributed their success to developing a healthy habit of regular prayer and trust in God. What do you think are the biggest obstacles to establishing good habits in your life? How do you think you can overcome these?