

A script from



“Passing By”

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- What** A modern-day “Priest and Levite” meet at a highway rest stop and comment on the accident they’ve just passed. **Themes:** Good Samaritan, Love for Others, Hypocrisy, Parables of Jesus
- Who** Father Amadeus (the “priest”)
Dr. Levi Rockworth (the “Levite”)
- When** Present day
- Wear (Props)** A sign reading “gasoline” and displaying gas prices.
*Note: this scene can take place directly at the gas pumps, if props can be obtained to resemble gas pumps. If not, the scene can take place generically outside a rest stop.
Both men wear modern-day (professional) clothes.
- Why** Luke 10:25-37; 1 John 3:17
- How** Because these characters are from a parable and were intended to illustrate a point, feel free to exaggerate their character traits. However, be careful NOT to stereotype or even necessarily indicate any specific Christian denominations.
- Time** Approximately 4-5 minutes

Amadeus stands center stage beside a sign reading "Gasoline" with prices displayed. He faces one side of the stage, as if he is waiting for his car to fill up, and appears deep in thought.

Levi enters from either side, passes Amadeus, and stands facing the opposite side of the stage. He turns then his head to look at Amadeus as if he is not sure whether or not he recognizes him.

Levi: Crazy weather we've been having, huh?

Amadeus: Hottest on record, they say.

Levi: *(With some hesitation)* You know, I think I recognize you. Are you Father Amadeus?

Amadeus: Ah, you caught me.

Levi: *(Extending his hand)* Father, I am honored to meet you. Your foundation has blessed—well, I don't know, hundreds...thousands. A few of my residents would give anything to be here shaking your hand.

Amadeus: The pleasure is all mine. You're a doctor?

Levi: Dr. Levi W. Rockworth. President of Charity Theological Seminary.

Amadeus: Dr. Levi Rockworth? Well, well! I believe I just read your book.

Levi: Did you! Was it the piece on presuppositional apologetics? Or Soteriology in the Minor Prophets?

Amadeus: *(Continuing as if he didn't hear him)* I found it inspiring. Most inspiring. Now, Doctor, forgive me if this is irrelevant, but I must say—*(in a graver tone)* I am still a bit disturbed by something I passed on the highway just now.

Levi: *(In a similar tone)* Did you pass it too? A man lying on the side of the road? All cut up and half naked?

Amadeus: I did. Poor fellow, he looked in a very bad way.

Levi: He did. In fact, I thought he might be dead, though I couldn't tell from the car. I called the highway patrol to have him attended to.

Amadeus: *(Praying)* Oh, God, have mercy. Look down on that man and have compassion.

Levi: Yes, all we can do now is pray. I'm sure the police will be along any minute.

Amadeus: I'm glad we got off the road. But that poor soul...who knows where he's been?

Levi: Walking alone on a rural highway, that's where.

Amadeus: It looked as though he'd been attacked. And perhaps robbed.

Levi: Of course. That's what happens when you walk alone on the side of the road. You're at the mercy of whoever drives by.

Amadeus: *(Praying)* Lord, hear our prayer. Minister to his soul.

Levi: Amen.

Amadeus: I do pity that man, Dr. Rockworth. He must have been desperate indeed.

Levi: Certainly. Desperate and probably on the run.

Amadeus: Perhaps his vehicle broke down and he was going for help.

Levi: Or perhaps he escaped from the local penitentiary, and... justice prevailed.

Amadeus: Oh, God in heaven, have mercy. I hadn't thought of that.

Levi: Praise God for his protection on us. I hate to think, if you or I had passed by twenty, thirty minutes earlier...

Amadeus: Oh, yes. Even in vehicles, we may not have been safe. There's no telling how crafty people can be when it comes to money.

Levi: Money—or whatever else that man was carrying. Let's not be naïve.

Amadeus: Heaven forbid...

Levi: To think that God in His wisdom had both of us pass by that spot at just the moment He intended.

Amadeus: Amazing how He ordains our steps.

Levi: His timing is always perfect.

Amadeus: And God will show the same perfect justice to the soul of that poor man.

Levi: "The same perfect justice." I like that.

Amadeus: Well, then, you can have it! Use it in your next book.

Levi: I think I just might. I'm going to write that down. *(Reaches into his pocket, then freezes)* Wait a minute. Where did...?

Amadeus: What is it?

Levi: Oh, it's nothing. I can't find my toll money.

Amadeus: Ah, I've been there. Two-fifty for the bridge? I'll cover you. *(Hands him some money.)*

Levi: Father, you're a lifesaver. I owe you one.

Amadeus: You owe me nothing. Like the Good Book says, "love thy neighbor."

Levi: *(Agreeing)* Love thy neighbor. Well, Neighbor, thank you, and I'm sure our paths will cross again.

Amadeus: Yes, I'm sure they will. Take care of yourself, Doctor.

Levi: Take care.

Both exit in opposite directions. Lights out.

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