

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?"

Luke 10:25 (NIV)

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'; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

Luke 10:26-28 (NIV)

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

Luke 10:29 (NIV)

<sup>30</sup> 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.

Luke 10:30 (NIV)



<sup>31</sup> A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:31-32 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii 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.'

Luke 10:33-35 (NIV)

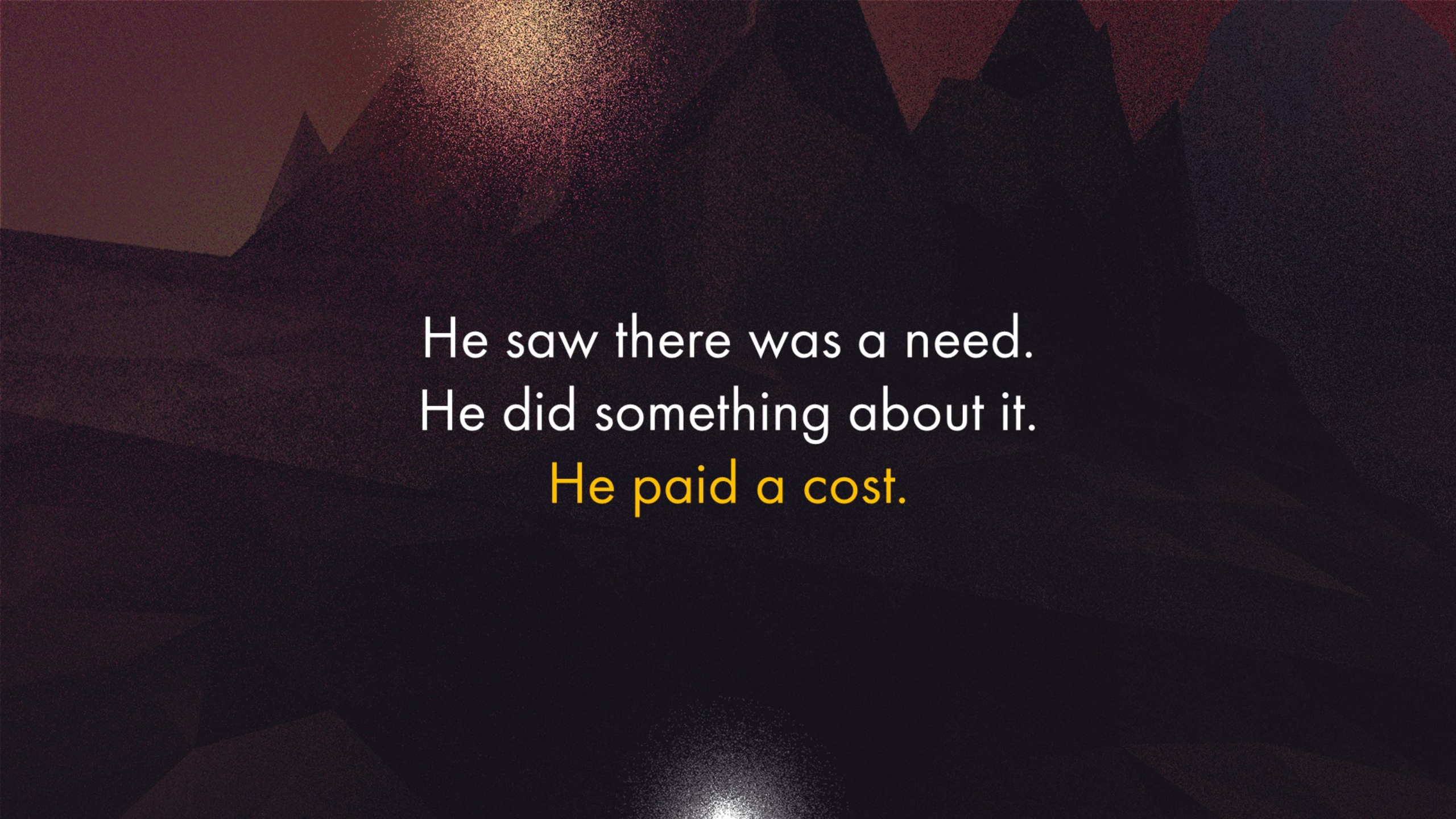
A dark, stylized landscape with jagged mountains and a bright light source at the top center. The scene is rendered in a low-poly, geometric style with a dark color palette. The light source at the top center creates a bright, circular glow that illuminates the surrounding area, casting long shadows and highlighting the textures of the mountains. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

He saw there was a need.



The background is a dark, stylized landscape with jagged, dark brown and black mountain peaks. A bright, glowing light source is positioned at the top center, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and moody.

He saw there was a need.  
He did something about it.



He saw there was a need.  
He did something about it.  
He paid a cost.

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."

Luke 10:36-37 (NIV)

But I'm going to tell you what my imagination tells me. It's possible that those men were afraid. You see, the Jericho road is a dangerous road... In the days of Jesus it came to be known as the "Bloody Pass." And you know, it's possible that the priest and the Levite looked over that man on the ground and wondered if the robbers were still around. Or it's possible that they felt that the man on the ground was merely faking.

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And he was acting like he had been robbed and hurt, in order to seize them over there, lure them there for quick and easy seizure. And so the first question that the priest asked – the first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

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