

Emmaus News Letter August 2018

Have you ever been discouraged or in trouble, and you cried out for God to please send somebody to help? If someone responded, you knew they were a Godsend, but if no one came, we assume someone was called upon, but was probably just busy or maybe they simply did not want to take the time or finances to become involved.

When difficult situations are presented, we become sympathetic, but how often do we consider that God may have brought these individuals to our attention so that we cannot only pray, but to intervene and help meet the needs? Instead of just discussing the situation and having pity, maybe we can become the miracle they are praying for. James 2 talks about the difference between having faith without becoming involved and literally demonstrating our faith by our willingness to reach out and help.

When we accepted the life-changing gift of salvation, we are called to let go of our old self-centered nature and become focused on the greatest commandment, which includes loving God and others as ourselves. The Bible calls us who are followers of Jesus to radically change from thinking about ourselves to listening and obeying God as our highest priority. The transformation will produce an attitude of generosity and compassion as we become more like Christ in his attributes and characters. The Bible refers to those who become God's children as instruments and vessels of honor. The ideal of being used by the Master of the universe is a privilege and as his followers, we are to be listening for his voice, growing stronger in our compassion, and more aware of what he desires. He may be guiding and preparing us to present a Bible Scripture with a friend at work or maybe to write a letter to a loved one that we are concerned about. There are so many opportunities all around us where we could bring encouragement.

Galatians 6 talks about our deeds being like seeds and that we all reap according to what we sow. Applying this spiritual principle to our life, allows us to see how important it is to care about others in the same way we would like someone to care about us. If we need a miracle, become someone else's miracle, if you want to be loved, learn how to love, yes God makes the divine appointment, but our responsibility is to make ourselves available. "Do What You Can' While you Can"

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Blessings to you all,

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