

“Stop And Help” by Kirk Hunt

*And David said unto him, To whom belongest thou? and whence art thou?
And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my
master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.*

1 Samuel 30:13 KJV

Sick and starving, the Egyptian lay where his master abandoned him. Despite their hot pursuit, David and his men did not close their eyes to his plight. They stopped to help a sick man.

Gratitude can sometimes be purchased. A decent meal, a warm blanket and perhaps a little herbal medicine were easy enough to give. Such little things bought the gratefulness, trust and perhaps loyalty of the young man. For a promise, he led David to his former master.

The Egyptian pointed. The Hebrews attacked. The Amalekites fell. They recovered all.

Did David know the young man could help him find the captured families (verses 3-4)? Probably not. Compassion and mercy flow from the heart. The giver is usually surprised at the benefits.

Opportunities to minister and serve may come at strange times or inconvenient places. Most often when we think we have little or nothing to give. God will always provide what you need to fulfill His Will. Put your confidence in Him.

You may be pressed and strapped with your own needs and issues. Do not let your own concerns lead you past an opportunity to stop and help. The lives you save may include own.

Think: Mercy and compassion can have surprising benefits.

Pray: “Lord, give me opportunities to stop and help.”

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