

Acts of Kindness

Do you feel the world is becoming colder? I do not mean the temperature but the attitudes toward each other. In this season of lent, our Pastor has asked us to do kind deeds for others, not to give up something that only has meaning for ourselves but to do something that matters to others. When I think of kind deeds I think of my Son. He was a mechanic working at the Automotive department at the Kmart at 23 Mile Road and Van Dyke. It was not unusual for me to have people see my last name and they would ask if that was my son that worked there. I would admit it and they would tell me how he had helped them with their car. One person told of him coming out in the Parking Lot to change his tire, another of how he had fixed his car when he was sure it was going to cost a lot and getting it fixed much cheaper. The Pastor told me he would not take his car to anyone else. In 1984 he was up North hunting and my brother-in-law's neighbor had been up north hunting and told of meeting this really nice young man with the same last name as my brother-in-law and how his hunting group had been invited to come over to their campsite because they had a portable TV and were going to watch the World Series which I'm sure you all recall featured the Detroit Tigers. I had insisted he have a portable TV because he certainly would not want to miss a single game of this very important event. He was the only boy I knew who took his mother fishing for no other reason than he knew she loved to fish. Now over 40 years later, he takes me to church. I am blessed.

I have had many kind deeds performed for me by friends during this season of Lent and before since my fall Thanksgiving week, from people taking me to doctor visits to taking me for frequent tests and the prayers for my well-being have been felt and appreciated. Meals have been provided and they have given me the pleasure of company and visits. Through the acts of kindness and the prayers offered I have been slowly getting better since Covid and another fall and have felt the love and kindness of a congregation of witnesses. I am forever grateful.

God is asking each of us, "What have you done for me in this season of lent?" Look at what he has done for us through his Son Jesus Christ. I bought a study book recently because I was captivated by the title, "Jesus Chose the Nails."

2 Peter 1:5-7 For this reason make every effort to add to your faith goodness and to goodness, knowledge, and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, perseverance, and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, mutual affection, and to mutual affection, love.

Heavenly Father, we come to you grateful for all you have given us, for this day, for the food on our tables, for our homes and for our very existence. We ask Lord that you be with the ill, and those who grieve, the homeless, and the poor. May we be your hands and feet here on this earth, in this place as we seek your will. Be with our Pastor, bless him and be with him in all he does, be with his family. Be with our staff and leaders Lord, bless and guide them. Be with our country Lord, may we show kindness and caring for each other and make our world a better place. Thank you, Lord, for those who perform acts of kindness in your name. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

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