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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR GOD

You may never realize in this lifetime what effect you have had on others. What is important is that you were willing to make a difference.

Being in the right place at the right time can change a life. Years ago, our ministry had movie night on Friday nights. We had the privilege to bring a premier to our city and church of the movie "War Room." We invited pastors to bring their congregation to our church to watch it. We had a good turn out and it was an excellent movie.

We always gave people an opportunity at the end of the movie to accept Jesus as their savior. Often someone would receive salvation. We also prayed for people for whatever needs they had. We used this movie night as an evangelistic tool.

Several months later, a woman came into our church thrift shop. I didn't recognize her, but she recognized me. She said to me, "I want to thank you for saving my husband." I had no clue who she was or what she was talking about. She went on to tell me that she and her husband had come to see the movie War Room, and when I gave the altar call, he had invited Jesus to be his savior. Then she told me that he had passed away the week before. She was so thankful for that movie and that we offered him salvation. She had the assurance that he was with the Lord.

Now, I am not writing this to build myself up. Many times, after our movie night was over, I just wanted to "pack it up" and go home after a long day. That night, I was just doing what needed to be done. There are always opportunities to serve the Lord every day, by asking someone if they need prayer, or just hugging someone that is hurting can make a difference.

I remember the day Russell went to the hospital for cancer surgery. On the way into the hospital, I saw a woman (a stranger) standing outside the entryway crying. I went up to her and put out my arms out to hug her. She let me hold her and she completely broke down. A loved one was dying inside the hospital, and she was so distraught. She allowed me to pray for her and her husband, and I know that the hug helped her. I hug people often if they allow it. I like hugs, so I know others do too.

Never discount the little things that you do for the Lord my friend. You are his body. You are the action part for him on earth. A smile, a laugh, a hug, a helping hand all make a difference. I know if you are reading this that you are making a difference, and I want to thank you for what you are doing.

Colossians 3:23, ***"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men..."***
We are God's hands, feet, eyes, and demonstrate it by doing what he would do if he were walking on earth. Don't stop! Keep up the good work.