



"...stop and consider the wondrous works of God." - Job 37:14

WONDROUS OPPORTUNITIES

How quick are you to respond to someone with car trouble?



I'll be honest...I'm not that quick. Maybe I should be, but I'm not. I usually think they've already contacted someone, and help is on the way. That may sound reasonable, but more often than not, I'm just too busy. I have a destination that I need to get to on time and I think I can't afford the interruption.

Maybe you're like me--hopefully you're not.

The other day, I was leaving a hospital and as I was navigating the parking lot, I saw an elderly lady leaning on the hood of her truck looking distraught. In that moment, as I was turning left and about to pass her, she gave an exhausted sigh. I was immediately hit with the decision of whether or not I was going to stop and check on her. I had a brief moment of hesitation, for the aforementioned reason, but I quickly turned and drove up next to her truck. I rolled down the window and asked if everything was okay and if she needed any help.

She smiled as she gave out another sigh telling me that she could really use help. As I got out of my car she explained to me that her husband had told her to add water to her radiator before she left the hospital, but she couldn't raise the hood of her truck. Now, I'm not much of a mechanic...but I do know how to raise the hood of a car or truck.

In quick fashion, I popped the hood of her truck, removed the radiator cap, and poured in some water as she cranked the engine. As I was doing this, she told me that she wasn't sure if anyone would care enough to stop and that numerous cars had already passed her by.

So, this made me STOP & Consider...

What if God's wondrous works were the opportunities that the Lord provides?

- To stop and help someone
- To encourage someone
- To meet a need
- To share our story
- To let someone tell you their story
- To tell someone about Jesus

Our days are filled with countless opportunities to be a blessing to those around us.

Jesus had an interesting teaching about this in **Matthew 25:35-40**,

I was hungry, you fed me.
I was thirsty, you gave me water.
I was a stranger, you invited me in.
I was naked, you clothed me.
I was sick, you cared for me.
I was in prison, you visited me.

Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for Me.

Matthew 25:35-40

When we take advantage of the opportunities that the Lord gives us each day to be a blessing to others, we are doing those things to Him. There's a lot of theological significance to this thought, but for today, let's just ask ourselves the question, "What if God's wondrous works in our lives each day are the opportunities that He gives us to be a blessing to others?"

Do you have the eyes to see the opportunities and the heart to respond with compassion?

Maybe we should all look for and take advantage of those opportunities today.

I have one more question for us to STOP and Consider:

What if God's wondrous work was choosing to use you to bring, or be, a wondrous work to someone else?

There are two more wondrous works in this question alone.

- 1) God chose you
- 2) You can be the carrier of God's wondrous work for someone else

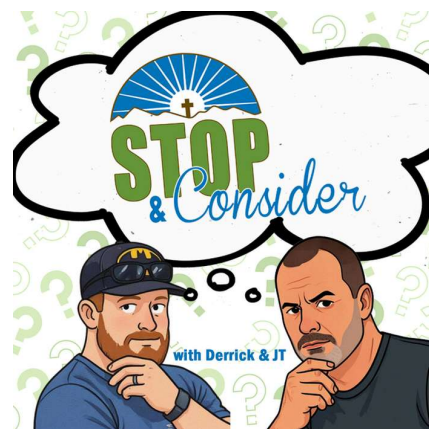
Maybe in addition to God's wondrous work in providing opportunities for you and choosing you, you are actually the manifestation of God's wondrous work in someone else's life.

It's something to STOP & Consider...

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