



I Was Someone's Mission

This past week, a terrible storm swept through the area where I live. Compared to the surrounding communities, my damage was relatively minor, but it felt overwhelming nevertheless. I lost forty-two trees and my roof and windows suffered great damage. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

As I stood in my yard that afternoon, a new neighbor from the farm across the road walked over and asked a simple question:

"Are you okay?"

As we surveyed the damage, he quietly said, "Tomorrow, I'll be back to help."

The next morning, he returned—but he didn't come alone. Several men from his church came with him. What might have been a monumental task suddenly became manageable as burdens were shared.

At one point, I stopped to thank one of the men for his help. He smiled and said something I will never forget:

"We are placed on this earth to help one another. Today, you are our mission. It is a blessing to be able to help you."

Those words have remained with me.

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At first, I resisted the idea. Like many of us, I take pride in being independent. I want to solve my own problems, carry my own burdens, and stand on my own two feet.

But that day taught me something important.

Sometimes, our pride gets in the way of grace.

We readily offer help to others, yet we struggle to receive it ourselves. We forget that allowing others to help us is also a gift. It gives people the opportunity to demonstrate kindness, compassion, generosity, and love.

That is the very heart of *Everyday Leadership*.

An Everyday Leader thinks more about the needs of others than his own, speaks with integrity, and acts with purpose, positively influencing people's lives every day. The men standing in my yard that morning probably would not consider themselves to be leaders. Yet they *were* leaders, nonetheless.

They saw a need. They acted. They expected nothing in return.

Leadership is not a title. It is not a position, an office, or a corner suite. Leadership is the willingness to step into another's storm and say, "You don't have to carry this alone." Sometimes, we must have the humility to become the mission.

Everyday Leadership is not simply about giving. It is also about receiving. It is recognizing that we were created to depend upon one another. It is understanding that strength is not found in carrying every burden alone but in allowing others to help us carry the load.

Every once in a while, someone will step into the middle of our storm, place a hand on our shoulder, and say, "I'll be back tomorrow."

When they do, let them.

After all, leadership is not about proving how strong we are. It is about reminding one another that none of us was ever meant to walk alone.

And perhaps the greatest measure of our lives will not be how many storms we weather alone, but how many people we helped along the way.



Discussion Questions

- Who has been "someone's mission" in your life, and what did that experience teach you?
- Why is receiving help often more difficult than offering it?
- How can you become more intentional about noticing when someone around you needs encouragement, support, or simply your presence?

Challenge: Get Out of Your Own Way

Over the next week, allow at least one person to help you—It does not have to be something significant. Perhaps it is accepting advice, sharing a burden, allowing someone to listen, asking for assistance, or simply admitting that you cannot do everything on your own.

When someone offers help, resist the urge to decline immediately.

Instead, pause and remember this:

By allowing others to help, you are not a burden. You are a blessing. You are allowing someone else to fulfill a purpose greater than himself.

Perhaps, for a moment, you are allowing yourself to become someone's mission. And one day, when the opportunity presents itself, you will have the privilege of doing the same for someone else.

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