

A Little Light: Monday Musings with Mary Sue



Welcome to the third week of September!

I had to stop. It was pouring down rain and two young ladies, I guessed to be Whitewater college students, were on the side of the road. I rolled down my car window and they told me they were out of gas. My eyes lit up, I think my delight took them by surprise, but I let them know to stay put and I would be back with gas. I finally was able to pass on the kindness shown to me so many years ago.

It was a snowy winter day, over 35 years ago, and I was driving to Purdue University from my parents home. My journey took me from the Chicago area right through northern Indiana. I did not realize my gas gage was out of commission; I was surprisingly and suddenly out of gas. So there I was, almost dusk, on the side of the road alone in Gary Indiana. It was long before cell phones and I was a naïve college student.

As I was sitting in my car saying a prayer and not sure what to do, a man stopped and knocked on my window. I rolled down my window just enough to hear him. He asked what the problem was and I told him. He said, "There is a gas station at the next exit. I will be back with gas. Turn on your hazards and only open your door for the police. I will be right back." He was like an angel! He was quick to return. He put gas in my car and directed me to go to the next exit and fill the tank. I was so grateful and tried to give him money but he refused. I immediately went to get gas. As I entered the station to pay the woman behind the counter, she said to me, "Your gas is paid for honey. That kind black man took care of it for you and he told me to remind you to pass the kindness along and never leave a woman on the side of the road." Today I was given the gift of passing the kindness along. It warmed my heart and made my day.

FACT: A simple act of kindness could very easily be life-giving to both the giver and receiver. Performing random acts of kindness makes you an example of what is possible. You become an inspiration, opening the awareness of others to their own potential.

LINK: Glen Campbell - Try A Little Kindness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvswocNN-g8>

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the harbingers of fall!

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