

LOVING *generously*



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MOTHER

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The Bible tells us that the body of Christ is supposed to function as a safety net, but that safety net is not limited to those within the church: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10). Because Christ has rescued us, we carry on his saving ministry as we seek to do good to all people - especially, but not limited to, those in the church. He's called each one of us to be a part of the safety net in some way for those he's placed in our lives.

Is there a time in your life when someone went the extra mile for you and took a risk to do something very generous on your behalf? Tell the family about it. How did it make you feel?

Chuck described being poor as being on one side of a wall, and the people and resources he needed were on the other side. If we follow the call of Jesus, then we will be the kind of people who break down these walls and show kindness to people very different from ourselves. How do these words challenge you today?

FAMILY DISCUSSION

Sometimes we have to go out of our way to help people. It's hard to think about giving up something we love to do and instead use that time to serve others. What is something that would be hard for you to give up to make time to help someone else?

CLOSING THOUGHTS

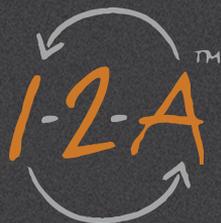
One of the greatest struggles faced by the poor and the disenfranchised is that they have no social capital. For many of us, when we need to find a job, or a place to stay, or if we need help getting out of a tough spot, we have many people who would be willing and capable of helping us. For many of the poor, however, that's simply not the case. They don't have the kind of social capital that could really serve them in an hour of need, so they remain more vulnerable to all kinds of misfortunes. A single twist of bad luck, from a medical emergency to a car problem to a layoff, could lead to life on the streets.

DO SOMETHING

1. Pick-up a pair of glasses from the counters in the lobby and "see" the invisible people God has placed in your life i.e. dry cleaner, cashier at the grocery store
2. Consider putting together a basket of hope for a young woman being served by Victoria's Friends or City of Refuge

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