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Devotional
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LOVING MEANS LENDING A HELPING HAND, by *Nicole Christen*

I was wet from the swimming pool, holding a wet baby, and chasing my also-wet three-year-old who was choosing that inconvenient moment to be disobedient. I finally managed to corral my small crew into the change room, where my older son's disobedience was quickly escalating into a full meltdown. Wet, cold, and embarrassed over my child's behaviour, I was trying to handle the situation without drawing any further attention to us. At this point I was now holding the baby with one arm and was carrying a kicking three-year-old under my other arm, trying not to drop anyone. I had no clue how I was going to get us all dressed and home.

Rather than ignoring my predicament, or giving me the dreaded 'control-your-kids' look, one kindly woman approached me with a smile and asked if she could hold the baby for me. That simple act on her part completely changed my situation. I was able to sit down for a moment with my older son and calm him down so that I could manage everyone again. My stress level dropped significantly. She ended our brief exchange with another warm smile and some kind words, "It's okay, I understand. I've been there too."

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Sometimes I think we expect ministry to be a profound act. Yet, Christ's love shines brightly through the small acts of kindness as well. This week, I encourage you to share the love God has shown you through a smile, a kind remark, or a simple favour to someone you encounter. Let us, as Christians, be known for loving others.

Blessing, on behalf of the Northview Women's Commission,

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