



A GOD-LIVED LIFE

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MONTH 3

A Life of Hospitality

This month, we look at the God-lived life as one that opens our lives to others. As we invite people into our lives and our homes, God gives us opportunities to share Jesus as we build relationships with them.

WEEK 9

Each week in our God-Lived Life Challenge, we'll have a midweek devotion to remind us what it's all about—why we do what we do. This week, God teaches about hospitality.

ENTERTAINING ANGELS

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

Abraham and Lot lived as strangers in a strange land but made their living throughout Canaan. God promised Abraham that his descendants would live in that land, but it was just Abraham and his extended family at that moment. Both Abraham and Lot, in their own circumstances, showed hospitality to strangers. After welcoming them in, it soon became apparent that they were entertaining angels. God blessed them immensely through those visitors.

While inviting complete strangers into our homes might seem a bit odd, what other ways can we show hospitality to strangers? We can be kind and compassionate. We can look for the visitor at church, challenge our “comfort conversation zone” by introducing ourselves and welcoming them—maybe even inviting them out for brunch after church! If they are already a member, we can get to know them better. We can be willing to help others in need—wisely and appropriately. We can talk to our physical neighbors. We can give up our prime “good seat” or row in the back of church to a visitor or simply help those new to church navigate the service and opportunities for fellowship.

While it would be neat to find out in heaven that you had entertained an angel here on earth, even better would be to entertain a fellow sinner in need of a Savior. Help them. Encourage them with God's love in Christ. May God use you to open a door for someone to hear the gospel and learn of their Savior. Angel or not, our Savior's will is that we show hospitality to strangers. He made us who were once strangers and his enemies into family. There's always room for more.