

DAY THREE

influence

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Tony was born with cerebral palsy, but he didn't let it stop him from achieving his goals. He graduated from high school and was accepted to a prestigious university. Unfortunately the campus was large and spread out, so some of Tony's classes were a bit of trek, especially since he used a walker to get from one place to another.

It took Tony up to an hour and half to get from one class to the next. Some days Tony skipped lunch because he didn't have time to eat if he wanted to make it to class on time.

Taylor was another a student at Tony's university. He saw Tony's struggle and approached the school about doing something to help students like Tony move around campus. Getting no response, Taylor took matters into his own hands. He set up a GoFundMe page to raise money so he could buy Tony a mobility scooter. With the help of his friends, Taylor raised more than enough money and presented the scooter to a grateful Tony, who can now zip around campus.

Sometimes justice looks like fighting to change laws and save lives. Other times it looks like giving something to someone in need and using your influence and power to make a godly change.

PICK ONE (OR MORE) OF THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES TO DO IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS, AND WRITE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE.



Apologize to someone you once bullied. You may not have even realized you were doing it at the time. Maybe you made a joke at someone's expense or left someone out of something.



Combat prejudice by inviting somebody who looks different to join you for lunch. Spend the time getting to know them as an individual rather than a stereotype.



Scroll through your social media history. What have you posted or reposted that had something to do with awareness about an injustice. Choose one injustice and move from simply posting about it to taking action in the next 24 hours. Do any of the following: Pray for the people involved. Learn about and volunteer at an organization that helps in this area. Donate money or spend some time asking questions and getting to know someone who has been affected by this injustice.



Find 10 different organizations in your community that work to fight injustice. Make a list of the organizations, the people they serve, and the needs they have.



Do a Google News search for "humanitarian crisis." Read at least three articles about one crisis. Then research ways you could help.

What was hard about this?

What did you learn?

Did anything surprise you?