

MEETINGS DO NOT SAVE

One Thursday night, I was rushing (sometimes I am a "Russian" also) to a meeting. At the bus stop, I noticed a young mother trying to dig something that obviously must have fallen into the slot between the seat and the wall panel, at the same time trying to prevent her young boy from running around.

I had no time to stop and offer help. Besides, I thought to myself, what can I do? The bus came and I boarded it. On the bus, the story of the Good Samaritan came to my mind. Then ideas also came to my mind about what I could have done.

In my bag, I was carrying a very bright light, a camera and some plaster. I could have used the light to shine into the dark slot and used the camera to locate the fallen item. Then using the plaster attached to a piece of wood, I could have fished out the item.

It sounded like a plausible solution but it came too late when I was already on the bus to church.

Do we sometimes face such testing situations and fail miserably? We place priority on things instead of people, ignoring people for meetings. That was the story of the Good Samaritan, updated in my life.

We may excuse ourselves by saying that it is only one life saved but if we attend the meeting, many lives could be saved. The story of the Good Shepherd who left 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep should put that excuse to rest.

This is not a story of how great I am but of how great I could have been if I had made the right choice. I hope I will make more right choices than wrong ones in life. However, the most important choice we could ever make is to choose Jesus as our Savior. All other choices are of secondary importance.

We all have choices to make. You will always tell yourselves that there is nothing you could have done. You have other more important matters to attend to or that you are not capable.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2Corinthians 12:9

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