

Kindness

The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us around it.

Acts 28:2

In Acts 28 we see a glimpse of two different people groups unlike each other. We see that the native people sought out kindness as they met the needs of the strangers. They INVITED them into their space and physically took care of them. As Christians we are called to do the same. Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change. With just a simple act of kindness barriers are broken down between people groups.

This action speaks volumes to others that may not look or sound like you. As a minority woman when someone goes out of their way to implement kindness, my first thought has always been “they see me.” In that same sentiment, let’s see each other!

action

I urge you to invite someone who may not look like you for coffee or dinner. Invite someone whose complexion looks different from yours for some fellowship time. Build relationships that make you sit in an uncomfortable place. As you build those relationships and grow in that way, it opens up a space where you can learn about that other person’s experience and ask deeper questions. I challenge you to truly see someone, and welcome them to sit at your table.