Week 3: How Do We Live Together?  

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Have you ever found yourself in a place where you weren’t quite sure where you were? Or have you ever been in a situation unfamiliar to you and did not know what to do? Think about when you first came to campus. Everyone you met was a stranger, a new person to get to know and learn to live with. At one time or another we have all been a “stranger” having to ask for help hoping that someone would reach out and include us.

Hebrews 13:1-3 reminds me of the many times in my life that I have been a stranger: my first job interview, my first solo road trip to the mountains, any road trip to a new place, my first day at Campbell, and most recently an international mission trip. Each time I was delighted to see a familiar face, a warm smile, or a helping hand that didn’t make me feel like an outsider and I was grateful for their generosity.

Hebrews 13:1-3 is a reminder that whenever we may see a stranger and show hospitality, we could be helping angels! What a marvelous thought! But even if the strangers are not angels, you should still lend a helping hand. Remember when you were once a stranger and wished that someone would help you? Sometimes getting to know and help those you live in community with can be scary when you have nothing in common and you are the one who feels like a stranger, but helping others in need and extending generosity might be just what it takes to turn a stranger into a friend.

Life Question: How can you demonstrate hospitality to those who live around you?

Prayer: God, help me to not turn my eyes from those who need me help. Give me a desire to show hospitality to strangers. Amen.

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