Read Romans 12:9-16.

My mother is a wonderful host. On most Sunday evenings you can find between ten and fifteen teenage girls in her house for Bible study. She welcomes them one by one with a big smile and a hug. But once everyone arrives, the prayer for the meal has been said and the girls settle into their chairs, she quietly slips to the back of the house and lets the Bible study leader take over. She has done her part to make the girls feel welcomed, loved and cared for. She has shared her gift of hospitality.

Romans 12:9-16 says that we are to be inventive in our hospitality and never lack in enthusiasm to care for others and make friends with the people others don’t even see. I think hospitality is more than about the space you create, like my mother does on Sunday evenings. Hospitality is also about the space you create when you are out with your friends in the dorm lobby, when you are standing in line at Marshbanks or when you are walking across campus.

Hospitality as it is listed in Romans 12:9-16 is part of what it means to live as a Christian. Hospitality requires us to care for and welcome those around us as we try to love God and love others. Extend hospitality to someone you normally would not today. Become intentional about creating a space of hospitality wherever you go.

**Life Question:** How will you create your hospitality space?

**Prayer:** Help me to welcome strangers and be a good host wherever I go. I was once a stranger to you and you welcomed me. Help me to welcome, love and care for those around me. Amen.

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