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? Whether you were in an unfamiliar city and the GPS signal was lost or you were the new person in a group of old friends, or something else, I believe that at one time or another we have all been a “stranger” having to ask for directions hoping that someone would reach out and include us in conversation.

When I read this passage, I remember 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) my first international mission trip. In each of those times, I was delighted to see a familiar face, a warm smile, or a helping hand, especially when I went to South Africa last May. I found people there who loved each other like brothers and sisters and were happy to add more people to their family.

The author of Hebrews tells us that whenever we may see a stranger and show hospitality, we may be helping angels! What a marvelous thought! But even if the strangers are not angels, we should still lend a helping hand. Remember when you were once a stranger and wished that someone would help you?

**Life Question:** Where are their strangers in your life that need an act of kindness? How can you show them hospitality?

**Prayer:** God, help us to not turn our eyes from those who need our help. Give us a desire to show hospitality to strangers and to keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. Amen.

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