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HUMAN JUMPER CABLES

One little light. That's all it took to render our car totally unusable! The little light in the rear of our vehicle was left on one night after we unloaded some things, and it stayed on for several days while we were gone.

When we got back, everything in that car said, "I'm not starting," because that one little light totally drained our battery, of course. But then came the hero - our friend in his pick-up truck with his trusty jumper cables. And those cables delivered the energy that our flat old battery needed to run again!

What does it take to get a drained and tired battery going again? A jolt from jumper cables that infuses the energy needed to revive it. And what does it take to get a drained and tired person going again? **Human jumper cables** that deliver new energy to revive them.

I'm guessing that you know someone right now who is pretty depleted - emotionally, mentally, maybe spiritually,

even physically. When they turn the key, not much is happening because their battles, their responsibilities have left them unable to get going again.

That's why God has given us each other. To be jumper cables for each other when we sense that someone we know is pretty run down. If you keep your eyes open, you'll see someone in need of an emotional and spiritual "jump" almost every day of your life.

There's a wonderful example of this in 2 Timothy 1:16-17. This is the last letter Paul wrote. He was away from most of his friends, locked up in prison in Rome, and he knew that he might not leave that prison alive. Then along comes an unsung hero named Onesiphorus. He is God's jumper cables to help the great apostle find the energy to go on.

Listen to Paul's testimony and think about how you can be this for someone you know: **"May the Lord grant [His] mercy to the family of Onesiphorus, for he often showed me kindness and ministered to**



my needs [comforting and reviving and bracing me like fresh air]! He was not ashamed of my chains and imprisonment [for Christ's sake]. No, rather when he reached Rome, he searched diligently and eagerly for me and found me."

When you're one of God's jump starters, you wake up in the morning and say, "Lord, show me who needs me today." Then you look for, even go out of your way if necessary, to call that person who needs encouragement, to write to them, e-mail them, or visit them. It's almost always a sacrifice to do that because of all the things you have to do. **But you may have nothing more important to do than this extension of Jesus' love to someone who is really depleted.**

Your joy can jump-start their joy. Your praying in faith can jump-start their faith. Your affirmation of their value and their significance can jump-start them into believing in themselves again! Your reminder of their worth to God may

just be the spiritual jolt they need to get going again.

You may say, "Yes, but I need someone to jump-start me!" You think about your own burdens, problems, and feelings.

The greatest way to get out of your pit is to reach out and help someone else get out of theirs: **"He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"** (Proverbs 11:25).

You have what someone needs today to get started again. Don't just cruise on by, oblivious to the needs right in front of you.

"Lord, show me who needs me today. Show me who needs my smile, my word of encouragement, my ear, my prayer, my understanding, my love." That's the prayer that will make you the conduit to deliver the resources of God to someone who really can't go on without them.

YOU ARE GOD'S JUMPER CABLES!



GOD'S MIRROR

*My presence must reflect Your Personality
my breath Your calming Voice
my eyes Your love-filled Gaze*

*my hands must be Your holy instruments
my mind Your ruling seat
my heart Your beautiful garden
my longing Your perfect will*

*my steps Your approved course
my sorrow Your effective character shaper
my joy Your magnificent radiance*

*my thoughts Your inspiration
my love Your heart extended to mankind
my hate Your righteous loathing of wickedness
my growth Your consistent work of maturing*

*my friendliness Your smile
my life worthy of Your death
my death of self Your infused life eternal...*

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He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams (Psalm 23:2 NLT).

YOUR LIFE is Jesus to someone,
though tattered and torn it may be.
Though oftentimes weak and unstable,
you're all of God someone will see.

YOUR TONGUE is Jesus to someone.
That idle, insensitive word
reflects to at least one searching heart
an idle, insensitive Lord.

YOUR GOALS are Jesus to someone.
What you put first, they believe,
are the goals of God for the Christian.
Your life is all they receive.

YOUR FAITHFULNESS ...
that's Jesus to someone.
Their judgment of how God is true,
rests unquestionably in the faithfulness
they see day by day in you.

YOUR LOVE is Jesus to someone -
that someone - who is seeking to know
that Jesus will follow and guide and
befriend wherever in life they might go.

SO BEWARE lest others blaspheme
God by what you say or do,
for the only Jesus that someone knows
is the Jesus they see in you.

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Never Again...

Never again will I say, "I can't," for "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Phil. 4:13).

Never again will I admit lack, for "My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19).

Never again will I fear, for "God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of self-discipline" (2 Tim.1:7).

Never again will I harbour doubt and lack of faith, for "The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear" (Ps. 27:1).

Never again will I allow the supremacy of Satan over my life, for "the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Never again will I admit defeat, for "God always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through

us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him" (2 Cor. 2:14).

Never again will I lack wisdom, for "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, Who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

Never again will I be worried and frustrated, "Casting all your anxiety on Him because He cares

for you" (1 Pet. 5:7).

Never again will I be in bondage, for "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Cor. 3:17).

Never again will I doubt God's love and faithfulness, for "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you and continued My faithfulness to you" (Jer. 31:3).

