

Family and Strangers God Loves

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Isaiah 11:1-9

Sixteen-year-old Mao Takahashi was recording the horrific tsunami that swept away most of his neighborhood in Ishinomaki, Japan on March 11, 2011, when he heard cries for help. A man was trapped in the cold, rushing water, holding onto a telephone wire. Mao put down his phone and waded into danger himself to pull this stranger to safety.

In extreme situations, people can forget to care about appearances, differences, and social status. Sometimes, we sacrifice our safety, but much of the time, we concern ourselves with family and friends we naturally accept.

God did not look at who we know or what we look like before He considered saving us. God saw people who needed help. Some were His people, and some were strangers. God sent His own Son, Jesus, wading into the perilous current of human history to save us, a disconnected, often warring people who did not know Him. In the fight for our eternal lives, Jesus gave up His own.

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