

**At-Home Sunday School
For Sunday, February 25, 2024**

Stories: Week 1

For the next couple of weeks, while I get my next book and lessons going, I will be sharing stories from the book *Small Miracles; Extraordinary Coincidences from Everyday Life* by Yitta Halberstam and Judith Leventhal. These stories are about moments when an event seems strangely meaningful, or even miraculous. Possibly the work of angels, or a message from a higher power. If you can open yourself to receiving and understanding the meaning of these gifts, you will experience the possibilities, the blessings, and the sense of harmony with the universe.

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A man was walking along the East River promenade in New York City in a very dejected state of mind. Actually, he was more than dejected – he was suicidal, and was seriously contemplating climbing over the railing and throwing himself in. Life felt empty, meaningless, hollow. He felt that the writing he had devoted himself to for decades had no real value and didn't amount to much. What had he really accomplished in life?

As he stood staring at the dark, swirling water, trying to summon up the courage to do the deed, an excited voice interrupted his thoughts. "Excuse me," said a young woman, "I'm sorry to impose upon our privacy, but aren't you Christopher D'Antonio, * the writer?" He nodded indifferently. "I hope you don't mind my approaching you, but I just had to tell you what a difference your books have made in my life! They have helped me to an incredible degree, and I just wanted to thank you."

"No, my dear, it is I who has to thank you!" Brown said as he wheeled around, turned away from the East River, and headed back home.

Comment:

It doesn't cost much to do a good deed. Benevolence does not have to be performed on a heroic or grandiose scale. The effect of a simple good word or

a compliment can go a long way – longer than we may ever know. Sometimes it can even save a life!

*The name was changed for privacy.