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# Jesus stopped.

(Luke 18:40)

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## Stop!

Dear friends of the word,

With three kids – the youngest still in the pram – she was on the way to the Kindergarten. She had to take public transport for a section of the journey. With one hand she pushed the pram onto the platform, whilst holding the other two kids with her other hand. Pure stress! The train driver could see her approaching in the mirror but set off regardless. The young student was disappointed and angry, she was close to boiling point. In this situation an older, visually impaired Lady approached her and asked for help. “Initially I wanted to reject her, but I somehow changed my mind and decided to help her.” she told me. “The older lady gave me some money so that I could buy her a ticket. When I was handing it over to her she looked at me and said: ‘You have such a friendly nature. Thank you for helping me despite having three kids to look after.’ Then she handed me a 5 Euro bill and encouraged me to accept it. I was perplexed and puzzled. Suddenly my anger had evaporated. I kept thinking about this encounter for the rest of the day and my heart was happy again.

If someone approaches us with a question, we are invited to stop. Jesus made the same experience outside the gates of Jericho. A blind man had called out for him. So Jesus had stopped. He lived this moment together with the blind man and did what was called for. He healed him!

The young student had had the courage to stop and help the old Lady. She had refused to be dragged down by negative emotions but instead had started to love again instantly. In the gallop of day to day life, it can be worthwhile to pause and then live that moment with determination and purpose. This short stop can often bring us back to the path of peace. **Stop!**

For the OnWordTeam

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