

picked up two other stranded travelers. But his gas was running low. So he got out of his truck and went from house to house trying to find someone who would let them in. *Every door he knocked on refused.*

There was a school nearby. Jay walked to the school and smashed a window so he could open a door and let his two rescued passengers inside. Then he went up and down the street locating other people whom he managed to get safely inside. When the storm cleared and they could finally leave, Jay left this note on the door:

To whomever it may concern: I'm terribly sorry about breaking the school window and for breaking in the kitchen. Got stuck at 8 pm Friday and slept in my truck with two strangers just trying not to die. There were 7 elderly people also stuck and out of fuel. I had to do it to save everyone and get them shelter and food and a bathroom. Merry Christmas, Jay.

That's the sort of thing Christians do who see themselves as called from the womb to be servants of God and be his light to the world. We don't always do it perfectly. Sometimes we fail altogether, as Israel did. But in Jesus, by faith, the light from our little candle pleases God and becomes a beacon of hope to others.

Think about how you can shine with the Light of Jesus this week. There's darkness everywhere. You have the Light of Christ within you. You have the Holy Spirit empowering you. Don't put your Light under a basket. Be a servant of the LORD. Shine with Jesus' light wherever he places you.

Let's sing this children's song together:

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine.*

We pray: ***Lord, from my mother's womb, I have a call from you, like Israel, like Isaiah, like Jesus. My call is to be your servant, and shine your light wherever I go. Help me do this, in Jesus' name, amen.***