

STARFISH

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Many of us get caught up in the lie that we can't make a difference. Often this assumption is based on **numbers**..! Yes, we feel that if we can't do "enough" to make a difference to "many", it's simply wasted energy – WRONG..! The entire fallen system of this current world works on **numbers** – not **individuals**. In fact, in this world's system the individual doesn't really matter – it's the numbers that count.

Thankfully God does NOT think like this.

John 3:15-16

"...the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

"Whoever" means any ONE, one at a time..! Yes, Jesus died for you, individually – Jesus did not die for the **numbers**, but for each ONE of us... one at a time..! When we help ONE person at a time, we make the world of difference to an entire life. I remember working at **Acres of Love** in South Africa, where we establish "Forever Homes" for Children affected/infected by HIV – We help ONE child at a time – and we make a world of difference to their entire lives ... for eternity. We do make a difference when we help only ONE person – ask them if we made a difference.

That's where I get the title '**Starfish**' from, a story of an elderly man walking on the beach, early morning, saw a younger man throwing beached Starfish back into the sea. When the older man looked at the beach he saw thousands of stranded Starfish and asked the young man if he felt he was really making a difference, saving one Starfish at a time - to which the young man replied by bending down, picking up another Starfish and throwing it back into the sea, and saying, **"I just helped that one"..!**

"Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over ONE sinner who repents."

Luke 15:10

Never do nothing because you can't do enough..! You never know who you might be refusing..!

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels."

Heb 13:1-2