

SOMEBODY SHOULD HAVE HELPED
Matthew 25:14-30

The worst nightmare of every mother happened to a Memphis woman a few years ago. A woman named Anita was stopped for a traffic light at the corner of Highland and Southern. Suddenly a stranger opened the passenger door of her car, grabbed her 2-month-old baby, and ran. Anita's instincts took over. She slammed that car into park, jumped out, and ran after the man. A terrified mother can move at lightning speed. When she got near the man, he threw her baby into a ditch and kept on running. Miraculously, the child was not hurt.

Thinking about the incident later, Anita talked about one fact that surprised and saddened her. She said, "This happened in broad daylight, about 3:30 in the afternoon. My car was the first one at the traffic light. There were probably 20 cars in two lanes behind me. Not one person did anything to help." You can guess what went through the minds of those other drivers: It could be a domestic dispute; he could have a gun. He could be on drugs. I'm in a hurry and I sure don't need to go pick a fight. Where are the police when you need them? But even after you take all those excuses into account, somebody should have helped, regardless of the risks. There are certain times in life when you look the risks squarely in the eyes and do something anyway.

Jesus calls us to follow his example to help others in their time of need. Jesus warns us if we are going to follow him, we need to be willing to pick up our cross and follow him. Jesus was willing to die for us, what are you willing to do to help someone in need?

God bless,
Pastor Barbara