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Pass Love Forward

A man was driving on his way home at a snowy night. He had a bad day because he was just out of job. In the dark, he saw an old lady stranded on the roadside, cold and helpless. Her car seemed broken. Without hesitation, he stopped his car near hers and got out.

The lady was worried while he was approaching her. As a stranger, he was poor and shabby and did not look safe. He could see how frightened she was, so he tried to calm her: “Don’t worry. I’m here to help you. My name is Bryan Anderson.”

The tire was flat. While changing the tire, he got dirty and his hands were hurt. When the job was done, she asked how much she owed him for the help. Bryan smiled and said: “If you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone who needs help, just do him or her a favor and pass love forward.”

Later, the lady stopped by a small café. That place looked dingy. A waitress, nearly eight months pregnant, welcomed her, wiped her wet hair with a towel, and offered her a hot meal. The waitress had a sweet and friendly smile, although she had worked for the whole day.

The lady wondered how the waitress could be so kind and giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. After finishing her meal, she paid with one- hundred-dollar bill. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the lady was gone. She left a note on the napkin: “Somebody once helped me, just like what I’m doing now. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you.” The waitress found four more one- hundred-dollar bills under the napkin.

The waitress was going to give birth to her baby. How she needed the money and how lucky she was! On seeing her husband home, she kissed him and whispered “Now everything will be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson. Today is my lucky day.”