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Recipients of Compassion

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It's 4 a.m., 11 hours into a 28-hour road trip and our car breaks down in Colorado. After a four-hour wait, Roy (tow truck driver) arrives in his big, white truck to tow us to the Hyundai dealership. On the way, we call the dealer and find out they won't be able to fix our car for a week. Immediately Roy calls his best friend Ron, a diesel mechanic, and asks if he could fix our car. Without hesitation, Ron says yes, and Roy takes us to his shop. Ron worked late into the evening to fix the car. Rather than take advantage of our situation, Ron charged a very reasonable price.



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While Ron worked on the car, Roy brought us to a restaurant for breakfast. After breakfast, we called several hotels to get an early check-in with no luck. Finally, Tanya from Comfort Suites worked with housekeeping to get a room ready for us by 10:30am! Several Lyft drivers made our stay in Longmont more enjoyable by sharing stories and travel recommendations.

Every day, we encounter people who are going through different trials. Through the trial we faced on our road trip, I learned we can offer compassion towards others by simply using our talents to serve others like Roy, Ron, and Tanya did that day in Colorado.

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12)