A Ride from a Stranger

A recovering addict found herself at a bus stop, reading the want ads. She was off drugs and needed to take the next step – but what was it?

In despair, she watched as a car pulled up. An elderly man asked her if she wanted a ride.

Without thinking, she accepted a ride from this stranger. Asked where she wanted to go, she said she didn't know. But instead of a come-on, the driver asked another question: "If you could do anything you wanted to do, what would it be?"

She blurted out her longtime dream to go back to school. The man drove her directly to the local community college and left without mentioning his name.

Two years later, the woman completed one degree and began another. Someone had taken the lead and asked the right question.

Helping someone find direction in life is not simply a matter of having the right answers. You can accomplish a lot with the right questions, too.

– Beecher Hunter