

# Encounter with Mother Teresa

In 1970, a man by the name of Malcolm Muggeridge went to Calcutta to do a special documentary on Mother Teresa for BBC TV. Muggeridge at that time was Europe's Tom Brokaw.

On the fated morning of their meeting – a morning that would change him for the rest of his life – Muggeridge met Mother Teresa as she was working in the streets with sick and poor people in a ghetto like he had never seen before, amid unbelievable stench, filth, garbage, disease and poverty.



But what struck Muggeridge more than anything else – even there in that awful squalor and decadence – was the deep, warm glow on Mother Teresa's face and the deep, warm love in her eyes.

"Do you do this every day?" Muggeridge asked as he began the interview.

"Oh, yes," she replied. "It is my mission. It is how I serve and love my Lord."

"How long have you been doing this? How many months?"

"Not months, but years. Maybe 18 years," she said.

"Eighteen years! exclaimed Muggeridge. "You've been working here in these streets for 18 years?"

"Yes," she said simply and yet joyfully. "It is my privilege to be here. These are my people. These are the ones my Lord has given me to love."

"Do you ever get tired? Do you ever feel like quitting and letting someone else take over your ministry? After all, you are beginning to get older."

"Oh, no," she replied. "This is where the Lord wants me, and this is where I am happy to be. I feel young when I am here. The Lord is so good to me. How privileged I am to serve Him."

Later, Muggeridge said, "I will never forget that little lady as long as I live. The face, the glow, the eyes, the love – it was all so pure and so beautiful. I shall never forget it. It was like being in the presence of an angel. It has changed my life. I have not been the same person since. It is more than I can describe."

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After Muggeridge made those comments, Mother Teresa continued to serve in that sacrificial way until the end of her life, nearly 27 more years.

Obviously, we can't all be Mother Teresa, but we can all live in that same spirit. In our own ways, we can all learn to give and to serve.

It is that spirit that compels the associates of Life Care and Century Park to impact for good the people who come their way.

*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35 ESV).*

– Beecher Hunter