

The Coffees on the Wall

Two travelers passing through a small town stopped by a café to have coffee.

As they sat chatting, they noticed a gentleman enter the café and order two coffees, pay his bill, but leave with only one cup of coffee.

The travelers thought this was odd, but when a few other customers made similar orders, they began to believe it was some kind of local custom for this business.

The travelers realized that each time a customer would ask for more than one coffee they would always request the second be placed on the wall. And for each of these orders, the barista would place a piece of paper on the wall that read *a cup of coffee*.

A few days later, the same travelers returned to the café. This time, they noticed a down-on-his-luck kind of fellow enter the establishment and make his way to the counter. He barely spoke above a whisper, but as he did, he pointed at one of the paper slips on the wall.



The barista nodded and then poured the man a cup of coffee. As the man walked away, the barista removed one of the papers from the wall and threw it into the trash can.

Only then did the travelers realize the thoughtfulness behind the strange orders they had witnessed the days before. After they finished their lunches, they ordered coffees for the wall and hoped that sometime soon this small gesture would have a positive impact on someone's day.

Putting a coffee on the wall was a small gesture, to be sure. But it became a bright light on an otherwise dark day for the person who needed it.

The story demonstrates how we should seek to positively impact the lives of fellow travelers in this journey called life – as well as those who come after us.

And it is illustrative of the commitment of associates in Life Care and Century Park.

Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up (Romans 15:2 ESV).

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