

## Water Thrown Away

Alexander the Great once led his forces across a scorching terrain. For 11 days, they pressed on and the survivors were weary, their throats parched.

One day, those in his advance guard brought Alexander a helmet containing a cup or two of water that they had been able to find. The troops watched with envy as the water was presented to him.

Alexander never hesitated. He dumped the water on the hot sand at his feet and said, "It's no use for one to drink when many thirst."

His troops desperately needed water, but what he had in his helmet represented only a drop or two for each individual. He didn't have the quantity of water they needed, but he offered them something else: inspiration. They found water later, but at that moment, he gave them something that was more important – leadership.

As leaders in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, we must be constantly aware that we are being watched by our associates. Do we truly care about them? Do we place privilege above service? Are we supervisors who seek the perks, or servant leaders?

How we respond to these questions – not by what we say, but by what we do – will determine the degree of loyalty and performance of those we lead.

--Beecher Hunter