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The world has a lot of problems. Everybody knows that we all face all kinds of challenges, but that doesn't stop us from ignoring the fact that others have problems too. I think the biggest problem that the world has to face is that people get so caught up in making their lives perfect, that they sometimes forget that everybody wants the same thing and might need a little outside help.

If you think about it, you probably do the same thing; see a homeless man, or an orphaned child, maybe even someone with too many groceries to carry. But no. You turn your head. Because you have better things to do, because you're much too busy, because someone else will help them. Unfortunately, if everyone thinks someone else will help, then no one helps. And the worst part is, you'll never learn. One day, you'll need someone to take care of your kids, or someone to jump-start your car, or someone to lend you a pencil. But no one will be there to help you. No one, because they all have their own lives, problems. Yet the next day, when you see someone in need, you'll remember all your problems, and forget all theirs.

If we all stopped thinking "I hate my life", and instead "Together we'll learn to love our life", we'd be more inclined to help each other, unite, and be there for a friend. Because we all share this life, these problems. When everyone works together towards one goal, any other problem is irrelevant; poverty, war, even global warming.

So the next time you see someone, anyone, in need, be there. Give them a hand. Tell them that the world stands with them, that they're not alone. Change 'my' problem, to 'our' problem. Don't turn your head.