

## Stone

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TWO FRIENDS WERE WALKING THROUGH THE DESERT.  
DURING SOME POINT OF THE JOURNEY,  
THEY HAD AN ARGUMENT; AND ONE FRIEND SLAPPED THE OTHER ONE IN THE FACE  
THE ONE WHO GOT SLAPPED WAS HURT,  
BUT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING, WROTE IN THE SAND ,  
'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE'.  
THEY KEPT ON WALKING, UNTIL THEY FOUND AN OASIS,  
WHERE THEY DECIDED TO TAKE A BATH.  
THE ONE WHO HAD BEEN SLAPPED GOT STUCK IN THE MIRE AND STARTED  
DROWNING, BUT THE FRIEND SAVED HIM.  
AFTER HE RECOVERED FROM THE NEAR DROWNING,  
HE WROTE ON A STONE:  
'TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SAVED MY LIFE'.  
THE FRIEND WHO HAD SLAPPED AND SAVED HIS BEST FRIEND ASKED HIM,  
'AFTER I HURT YOU, YOU WROTE IN THE SAND AND NOW, YOU WRITE ON A STONE,  
WHY?'  
THE FRIEND REPLIED  
'WHEN SOMEONE HURTS US WE SHOULD WRITE IT DOWN IN SAND, WHERE WINDS OF  
FORGIVENESS CAN ERASE IT AWAY.  
BUT, WHEN SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING GOOD FOR US, WE MUST ENGRAVE IT IN  
STONE WHERE NO WIND CAN EVER ERASE IT'  
LEARN TO WRITE YOUR HURTS IN THE SAND  
AND TO CARVE YOUR BENEFITS IN STONE.  
THEY SAY IT TAKES A MINUTE TO FIND A SPECIAL PERSON,  
AN HOUR TO APPRECIATE THEM,  
A DAY TO LOVE THEM.  
BUT THEN, AN ENTIRE LIFE TO FORGET THEM.