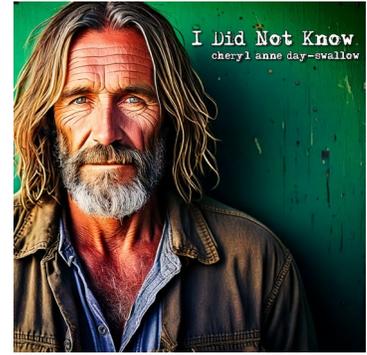


# I Did Not Know

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Pastor Rich has a bible study recap class on Wednesday nights. This Wednesday, Brenda brought about about helping people we see on the street.

Polly reminded us not to judge.

The phrase "Don't judge, you don't know" is a common expression that emphasizes the importance of empathy and understanding before forming opinions about others. It suggests that without knowing someone's full story, experiences, or the context of their actions, it's unfair and potentially inaccurate to make judgments. This idea is also reflected in religious teachings, like the Sermon on the Mount, which discourages judging others and instead encourages self-reflection and compassion

I hope this song will help others to look at their live to be sure it lines up with what the Lord is asking each of us to do/or not to do..

God expects our actions to line up with His word.

I had to go home and write the song that night.



Matthew 7:1-2

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Colossians 3:12-13

Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone.

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

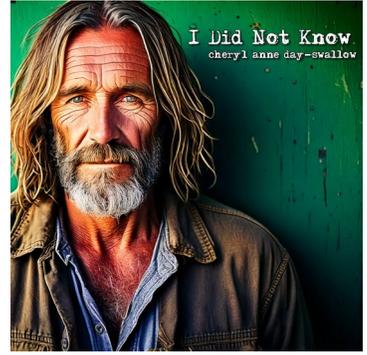
Galatians 6:2:

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

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[Verse 1]

I saw a man, his clothes tattered and worn,  
His face was a map, where life had been torn.  
He stood on the corner, just a shadow of grace,  
Sky blue eyes searching, lost in this place.  
Asking for money from someone he did not know,  
What a terrible life, oh, where did it go?

[Chorus]

I did not know what their life had dealt them,  
I did not know the trials they have endured.  
I did not know how long they've been suffering,  
I ask myself, do they love the Lord, and what can I do?

[Verse 2]

At the grocery store, I saw a family,  
Kids running around, their laughter so free.  
But the mother was searching, for spare change to lend,  
Her face was a mask of a story with no end.  
The embarrassment spilled like the tears she could not  
show,  
How did it get to this? I just want to know.

[Pre-Chorus]

On the streets, I see so many dreaming,  
Walking through life like they're lost in a haze.  
No food, no water, nowhere to go,  
Seems like each day, the heartache just stays.

[Chorus]

I did not know what their life had dealt them,  
I did not know the trials they have endured.  
I did not know how long they've been suffering,  
I ask myself, do they love the Lord

[Bridge]

I'm just a witness to a world that is aching,  
Wishing for change, my heart starts to break.  
Can I be the light in a life that is forsaking?  
Each moment I breathe, I hear a silent quake.

[Verse 3]

So I gather my courage, and ask for the brave,  
To reach out a hand, to show love, to save.  
For in every soul, beneath the troubles that show,  
There's a kindred spirit, just waiting to grow.

[Chorus]

I did not know what their life had dealt them,  
I did not know the trials they have endured.  
I did not know how long they've been suffering,  
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do?

[Outro]

In the quiet of night, when the world seems to sigh,  
I'll pray for those lost, and I'll reach for the sky.  
For every little act of kindness is true,  
May we lift one another, because love is what's due.