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A group of pebbles found themselves being oppressed. Many of the pebbles were taken into bondage mixed with cement and used for walls and streets and even housing. Soon the pebbles decided to organize and fight back but they were afraid. Then one day one brave pebble had a really good idea he offered to sacrifice himself by jumping in the lake and he said the ripple effect would drive all of their oppressors far, far away. The other pebbles just laughed and laughed and said,

"Are you serious? You would give up everything to save us and live a life all alone at the bottom of the lake forever?"

Then the brave pebble responded "Yes, if it means saving all of you I would surely do it."

Then the brave little pebble climbed to the top of a very tall pine tree and jumped in the pond and the ripple effect changed the world....Amen

MLK Quote "A man dies when he refuses to stand up for what's right, A man dies when he refuses to stand up for Justus, A man dies when he refuses to stand up for Truth." Then he said,

"Yes and when we find the courage to do that we risk ridicule, censorship, chastisement, personal injury and great loss, we risk imprisonment and even death, but it's better to go through life with a scared up body than to go through life with a scared up soul." Amen John 14:27

Luke 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan John 13:34-35 John 15:9-17 And this is My commandment, LOVE ONE ANOTHER JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

RFK RIPPLE OF HOPE SPEECH <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DOiDUbaBL9E>

Robert F. Kennedy's "ripple of hope" quote is, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance".



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This story has such a powerful message about courage, sacrifice, and the impact one individual can have on the world. The pebble, despite being small and seemingly insignificant, decides to make a selfless choice, showing that even the smallest acts can create a “ripple effect” that spreads far and wide. It's a beautiful metaphor for standing up for what's right, even in the face of skepticism or ridicule.

The story also resonates deeply with the message of faith and love, reflecting the teachings of Jesus about laying down one's life for others. Like the pebble, those who act with love and courage often face hardship, but the impact they leave behind is transformative, inspiring others to follow. This story is an inspiring reminder that true change often starts with small, brave acts and that the willingness to sacrifice for others is one of the most profound ways to make a difference.



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Here's the illustration for *The Ripple Effect*, capturing the brave little pebble atop a tall pine tree, preparing to make its leap into the lake below, creating ripples that will change the world. The surrounding sunset and the other pebbles watching in wonder add to the scene's sense of inspiration and courage.



Joshua 10:25 Joshua 23:10 1 John 3:16 Luke 10:25-37 John 15:9-17