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All You Can Do Is Enough

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I am often approached by people who are upset and frustrated and angered by the state of our nation and the direction we are heading but who say, “What can I do? It’s all too much. What can one person do?”

My answer is, “Do what you can. Whatever it is, no matter whether you think it is too small or insignificant or not, it is enough.”

Everyone has heard of Paul Revere. (It helps when Henry Wadsworth Longfellow is your PR guy.) But what did Revere actually *do*? Yes, he was a member of various patriot committees. And yes, he participated in the Boston Tea Party protest. But what was his contribution to the war effort?

One horse ride. Which was never completed because he was caught by the British outside Concord. And yet.

That (interrupted) ride allowed Hancock and Adams to escape capture, gave time to move weapons and ammunition safely away from the encroaching redcoats, and gave time for the Minute Men to assemble at the North Bridge in Concord sparking a revolution that shook the world. After that, Revere returned to Boston for the rest of the war and manufactured gunpowder. But that was enough.

Do what you can do. A postcard. A phone call. A letter to the editor. A donation. As much or as little of your time, energy and finances as you can manage. You can never know beforehand what the effect of your effort will be. You could be the spark that ignites a protest, that energizes a movement, that puts a candidate over the top. That rescues a nation.

There’s a saying I heard and took to heart many years ago: All you can do is all you can do, but all you can do is enough.

Join us and be that spark.