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A few other soldiers chuckled a bit, but the young believer simply set the boot aside and finished his prayer. The next morning, when the fellow who had thrown the boot woke up, he noticed his boots had been neatly placed at the end of his bunk... cleaned and shined like new. And through that act, that young soldier who threw the boot eventually accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Loving others isn't complicated. It's simply going above and beyond, by the power of the Spirit, in treating others how you'd like to be treated, no matter how they treat you. So instead of seeking to get even with those who do you wrong, repay them with good and watch the Lord draw them to Himself!

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