



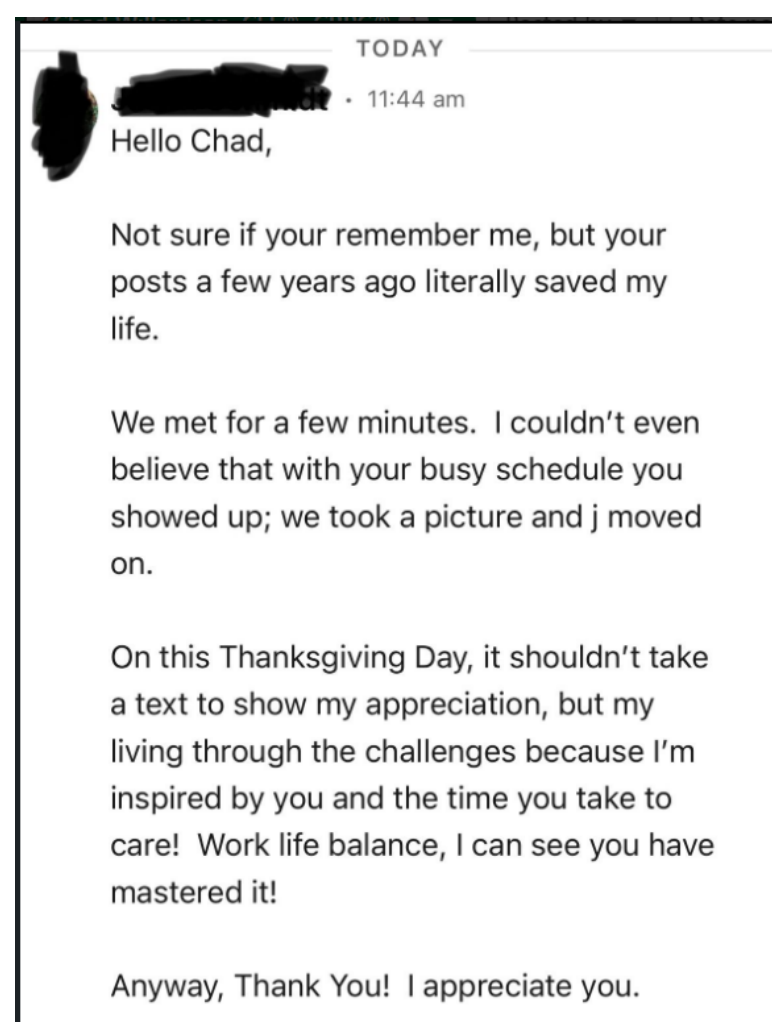
December 4th, 2022

Good Morning <<First Name>>-

On Thanksgiving morning, I received a message on LinkedIn from a guy who 3 years ago was planning to end his own life until reading a post I wrote that very day. He was intrigued by whatever I wrote. So he mustered up the courage to message me directly, and I immediately replied, to his shock, and he asked if we could meet in person at a restaurant in Newport Beach the next day. Not normally agreeable (or even available) to something like that, but I felt inspired to say yes, so we met up.

I didn't even know what he looked like, but I stood waiting outside of the restaurant. He came right up to me, shook my hand, and then gave me a hug. Spoke of his situation and what he was planning to do to himself, and he broke down in tears. It was overwhelming to hear it all.

Grown man, lost his job, wife and kids left him after he lost his job and they were separated and he wanted to die because all was lost. Though we'd never met or talked before, he felt some trust with me. Here's his message from just 9 days ago:



That day I got the chance to basically talk him off the ledge and breathe a little hope into him. A month later, he sent me a plaque telling me I saved his life. And I hadn't heard from him since that day...UNTIL this THANKSGIVING! It had been 2-3 years! Please receive this story the way it's intended: as a story to remind us that everything we do and say can make an impact. This is not about money and it's NOT about me. It's about each of us deciding to do the right thing when nobody is watching.

If you know me and my family, you know that we are a faith-based family. We believe miracles are everywhere and that life is full of great opportunities. You and I have a lot to be grateful for. We can sacrifice and give time, attention, and resources to those in need. That's really my hope this holiday season - use your talents and money for good! I hope you and I can be the person to step up and help someone who is looking for hope and support. Family and relationships are more significant than money!

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On a personal note, we got together for dinner tonight with my family and celebrated my mom's birthday and my daughter's 18th birthday... took an impromptu family picture seen at the top of this email (I'll let you guess which 5 kids are mine). Can't believe my oldest is 18 years old! Cherish the moments! Slow down for the holidays! Have a great week-



Sincerely,



Ray ★★★★★

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