



Day 18, Thursday, February 8, 2024

Justice for All

READ - Isaiah 1:17; Micah 6:8; Hosea 12:6

My stomach dropped into my shoes as my eyes grew big. I had just heard that there are more slaves in the world today than at any other point in history.

How can that be true? In the progressive post abolition culture that we live in, how can there be over 27 million slaves worldwide? Surely, slavery does not happen here in Katy, Texas. But it does, and the reason is because there is heartbreaking injustice in the world. As Christ followers, God makes it clear that we are to take a stand against injustice and fight for those who do not have the ability to fight for themselves. When I compare this command to the statistics of injustices like human trafficking, poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse, and so many others, I begin to feel helpless.

How do we even begin to act justly when injustice seems to be taking over? Where do we start?

The best place that we can start is where many great Biblical leaders before us have started: **with prayer**. Look to the examples of men like Moses, Ezra, and Nehemiah who turned first to God and pleaded for His guidance and intervention. These men saw God change the attitudes of kings and rulers to move in ways that were beyond what they had imagined.

PRAY

Father God, Your Word shows that You care deeply for those that are suffering injustice. I ask that You lead our leaders and work through them as You have so many times throughout history. Where there is a lack of passion, move in their hearts to create an urgency to uphold justice. Show me how I can work to influence those around me, and move in my own community to show Your love and compassion. May Your Kingdom come even now! In Jesus name, amen!

REFLECT

There is an overwhelming amount of work to be done to solve the injustices in our world today. So where do we begin to stem the tide of heartbreak? The best place, the only place to start, is on our knees asking God to give us His wisdom and discernment as we work to uphold justice in our circles of influence. Our call is to uphold righteousness and justice in the world around us, but God, does not leave us alone in that task.

What injustices cause your heart to break?

Where is God giving you influence to fight injustice?

Ask boldly for God to move the hearts of those with greater influence: our leaders, politicians, media.

