



Message Notes
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Caring Enough to Help The Abused

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?"
— Romans 10:14 NLT

Responses to Abuse in the Bible

- Moses responds to God's command to help the abused Exodus 3:9-10
- Jacobs' sons avenged the sexual abuse of their sister Dinah Genesis 34
- Absalom avenges the sexual abuse of his sister Tamar 2 Samuel 13
- Benjamites did not avenge the sexual abuse of a woman Judge 19-20
- Good Samaritan helps a man physically abused and robbed Luke 10:33
- Jesus heals a child experiencing demonic abuse Luke 9:42
- Peter & John undergo persecution abuse, receive help from church Acts 4

Command to Help not just a New Testament Thing:

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 ESV

How to Help the Abused:

1. _____ passion for God

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things. ." (Matthew 23:23 NLT)

Growing my Authentic Passion:

_____ with obedience to what God commands

Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. 10 Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt."
(Exodus 3:9-10 NLT)

_____ to take the side of evil

Then the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has occurred among you? 13 Now therefore, deliver up the men, the perverted men [a] who are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove the evil from Israel!" But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brethren, the children of Israel." (Judges 20: 12-13 NKJV)

2. _____ compassion for the abused

"Blind guides! You strain your water so you won't accidentally swallow a gnat, but you swallow a camel!" (Matthew 23:24 NLT)

Potential Blinders

- Preferences / Traditions
- Sin / Selfishness
- False Teaching/ Flaky Teaching
- Politics / World View

"Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world." (John 17:18 NLT)

Tangible way to help the Abused: Launch a Justice Ministry

- Human Trafficking
- Support Groups
- Overlap with Missions / C1-27 Fund
- Invest in our Children & Student Ministries
- Persecuted Church



My Next Steps:

- A. Read all of *Matthew 23 & Exodus 3*
- B. Memorize John 17:18
- C. Seek to Help support Justice Ministry
- D. Return for next week's message