

What does it mean to follow Jesus Christ when confronted with the issue of human trafficking?

- **Pray for God's Spirit** to invade our hearts and minds so that we actually care for the concerns that matter to God.
- **Read Scriptures** that speak to the heart of God and God's concern for the poor, victims of oppression and injustice.

Habakkuk 1:3-4 (NIV)

Why do you make me look at injustice?

Why do you tolerate wrongdoing?

Destruction and violence are before me;
there is strife, and conflict abounds.

Therefore the law is paralyzed,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked hem in the righteous,
so that justice is perverted.

Psalms 10:17-18 (NIV)

You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted;
you encourage them, and you listen to
their cry,
defending the fatherless and the oppressed,
so that mere earthly mortals will never
again strike terror.

Psalms 12:5 (NIV)

"Because the poor are plundered and the
needy groan,
I will now arise," says the LORD.
"I will protect them from those who
malign them."

Psalms 35:10 (NIV)

My whole being will exclaim,
"Who is like you, LORD?
You rescue the poor from those
too strong for them,
the poor and needy from those
who rob them."

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

- **Gain awareness about the issue of human trafficking and partner with organizations that are actually addressing the problem in a way that measurably reduces the amount of slavery there is in the world.**
 - Globally:
 - Become a Freedom Partner with International Justice Mission - <https://www.ijm.org/freedom-partner>
 - Not for Sale - <http://www.breakingfree.net>
 - Locally:
 - Breaking Free - <http://www.breakingfree.net>

- **Lift your voice as consumer and voter.**
 - The bipartisan Human Trafficking Prevention Bill (authored by Amy Klobuchar) has passed in the U.S. Senate. It is now with the U.S. House of Representatives. Contact your Minnesota U.S. Representative to encourage them to support this bipartisan bill: <https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2017/8/klobuchar-bipartisan-bills-to-combat-human-trafficking-in-the-transportation-sector-pass-commerce-committee-paving-the-way-for-a-vote-in-the-full-senate>

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