



Biblical Approaches to Standing With Marginalized Neighbors

Welcome to Newday! Take a moment to reflect on the instruction from Deuteronomy 24:22

22 Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.

Unison Reading Psalm 146 (adapted)

Praise the LORD!

Let my whole being with all my life praise the LORD!

God: who is faithful forever,

who gives justice to people who are oppressed,

who gives bread to people who are starving!

Praise the LORD: who frees prisoners.

who makes the blind see.

who straightens up those who are bent low.

who loves the righteous.

who protects immigrants,

who helps orphans and widows,

but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

The LORD will rule forever!

Praise the LORD!

Numbers 15:13-16 God instructs us:

15 The assembly will have the same regulation for you and for the immigrant. The regulation will be permanent for all time. You and the immigrant will be the same in the Lord's presence. 16 There will be one set of instructions and one legal norm for the immigrant and for you.

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

17 Don't obstruct the legal rights of an immigrant or orphan. Don't take a widow's coat as pledge for a loan. 18 Remember how you were a slave in Egypt but how the Lord your God saved you from that. That's why I'm commanding you to do this thing.

19 Whenever you are reaping the harvest of your field and you leave some grain in the field, don't go back and get it. Let it go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows so that the Lord your God blesses you in all that you do. 20 Similarly, when you beat the olives off your olive trees, don't go back over them twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. 21 Again, when you pick the grapes of your vineyard, don't pick them over twice. Let the leftovers go to the immigrants, the orphans, and the widows. 22 Remember how you were a slave in Egypt. That's why I am commanding you to do this thing.



Numbers 15:37-41 Remember the fringe

37 The Lord said to Moses: 38 Speak to the Israelites and say to them: Make fringes on the edges of your clothing for all time. Have them put blue cords on the fringe on the edges. 39 This will be your fringe. You will see it and remember all the Lord's commands and do them. Then you won't go exploring the lusts of your own heart or your eyes. 40 In this way you'll remember to do all my commands. Then you will be holy to your God. 41 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the Lord your God.



BIBLE PASSAGES REFERENCED IN TODAY'S MESSAGE: A GUIDE FOR DAILY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Take some time this week to review and reflect on some of the Scripture passages from today's message:

MONDAY

- Psalm 68:5 - God is father to the fatherless and the defender of widows.
- Deuteronomy 10:17-19 - God's heart for the marginalized

TUESDAY

- Deuteronomy 10:17-19; Psalm 146:9; Zechariah 7:9-10; Jeremiah 22:3; Malachi 3:5 - God's command to treat the vulnerable with compassion
- Exodus 23:6; Malachi 3:5 - God's commands not to cast judgment or mistreat those who are poor

WEDNESDAY

- Leviticus 19:10; Deuteronomy 23:24-25; Deuteronomy 15:7, 11 - God's instruction to his people to leave a remnant of their fields and harvest to feed the poor and foreigners living among them, and to provide for orphans, widows, and migrants who had no land of their own.
- Proverbs 31:8-9 - God's command to advocate for the vulnerable

THURSDAY

- Luke 4:16-21 - Jesus' first sermon, in the synagogue at Nazareth
- Matthew 3:13 - Jesus and his family flee to Egypt
- Matthew 25:35, 40 - Jesus comes to us as one of the least of these

FRIDAY

- Hebrews 13:2-3 - A command to show hospitality to strangers and feel the pain of those being mistreated
- Galatians 2:9-10 - The Jerusalem apostles remind Paul and Barnabas to preach the Gospel and help the poor

Respond & Apply: Individual & Small Group Discussion Guide

- What new insights do you gain from these Bible passages?
- What do these passages reveal about God's heart?
- What are ways you are already living into these Scriptures?
- How can you be more obedient or faithful to God's calling for you to serve, care or advocate for the vulnerable and marginalized?

NOTES

Next Week: *Pastor Steve Eng: Who Is My Neighbor?*

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