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Remembering those Christ Refused to Forget

Luke 4:13-21



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1. CHRIST HAS A HEART FOR “FORGOTTEN PEOPLE.”

Lk. 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, (ESV)

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Prov. 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed. (ESV)

- *Ever thought of your benevolent offering as a loan to the Lord that he will repay?*

Matt. 25:40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (ESV)

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Prov. 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him. (ESV). Isa. 58:10

Jas. 1:27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Ps. 146:9 The LORD watches over the sojourners [foreigners]; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, (ESV)

Heb. 13:1-3 Let brotherly love continue.² Do not neglect to show **hospitality to strangers**, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.³ **Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, ...**

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Jer. 22:3 Thus says the LORD: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. (ESV)

2. CHRIST'S FOLLOWERS MUST BE MOBILIZED FOR THE FORGOTTEN.

Eph. 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (ESV) 1 Cor 12:27

Matt. 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (ESV)

3. TO NOT FORGET THE FORGOTTEN IS AN ACT OF OUR WILL.

Col. 3:12 Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meeekness, and patience, (ESV)

Isa. 1:17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. (ESV)



4. WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO BE MOBILIZED ON BEHALF OF OUR LORD?

- A. Knowledge of needs.
- B. Compassion, mercy.
- C. Action.

HOWARD COUNTY STATISTICS ON POVERTY

- Poverty rate – 5.3% in 2014
- Female headed households, one child, 5 years or under – poverty rate jumps to 22.5%
- Women more likely to be among working poor, 2.4% compared to 1.7% for men.
- Two bedroom apt, family of 4; to limit rent to 30% of income, hourly wage of \$24.06 hour is required;
- *2015 Community Needs Assessment, Community Action Council of Howard County*

Matt. 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (ESV)

Jas. 2:13 For [your] judgment [will be] without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. (ESV)

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1 Pet. 4:11 ... whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. ... (ESV)

NEXT STEPS.

1. Will you decide today to open your eyes and see the “forgotten” all around you?
 - A. Pray this prayer: “Father, I ask you to forgive me for not seeing others with your eyes. Today, I repent. I ask you to put someone in my path that I can minister to in your name.”
2. In the next week, connect with at least one person/group for the purpose of “giving a cup of cold water.”