



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM”

Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

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TEXT: PROVERBS 24:10-12

TITLE: DOING FOR OTHERS AS JESUS HAS DONE FOR ME

INTRODUCTION

- A. Children’s two, primary, go-to responses: ‘I don’t know’ and ‘Not me’ _____
- B. God’s Children’s two, primary, go-to responses: ‘I don’t know’ and ‘Not me’ _____
- C. There are a number of people not being helped, assisted and supported and children of God seem justified in not helping, assisting and supporting _____
- D. Is there a consequence of using as an excuse, ‘I don’t know’ and ‘Not me’? _____
- E. What did Jesus say? _____
 1. Jesus did not say, “I don’t know.” Jesus said, “Yes, I know.”
 2. Jesus did not say, “Not me.” Jesus said, “Yes, me.”

WHAT WILL I DO – OR NOT?

- A. If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small _____
 1. Faint = Leave alone, let go, give up
 2. Times of adversity reveal who we really are
 3. What do I do?
 4. **Hebrews 12:12, 13**, ¹² *Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.* ¹³ *“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.* (NIV)
 5. What is my excuse?
- B. If you hold back from rescuing those taken away to death, those staggering to the slaughter _____
 1. Hold back = Restrain from doing something
 2. Taken away to death = Those innocently on their way to death (actually and metaphorically)
 3. Staggering to the slaughter = Those in danger of being killed - the oppressed (actually and metaphorically)
 4. Why do we hold back? We primarily hold back because of fear
 5. What is my excuse?
- C. If you say, “Surely we did not know this” _____
 1. “This is my excuse”
 2. “I think that this is a sufficient excuse”

THERE IS NO EXCUSE

- A. God knows it _____
 1. Does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?
 2. Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it?
- B. God will take care of it _____
 1. And will God not repay all according to their deeds?
 2. I can only be repaid what I paid