# **SERMON NOTES:**

Series: Made to be Moved | Part 3: Honor His Heart

We can see His heart through History, through Proclamation, through Warning, and through Privilege.

## **Leviticus 19:9-10 (NLT)**

<sup>9</sup> "When you harvest the crops of your land, <u>do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields</u>, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. <sup>10</sup> It is the same with your grape crop—<u>do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines</u>, and <u>do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground</u>. <u>Leave them</u> for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God."

## Deuteronomy 24:19-21 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> "When you are harvesting your crops and forget to bring in a bundle of grain from your field, <u>don't go back to get it</u>. <u>Leave it</u> for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. Then the Lord your God will bless you in all you do. <sup>20</sup> When you beat the olives from your olive trees, <u>don't go over the boughs twice</u>. <u>Leave the remaining</u> olives for the foreigners, orphans, and widows. <sup>21</sup> When you gather the grapes in your vineyard, <u>don't glean the vines after they are picked</u>. <u>Leave the remaining</u> grapes for the foreigners, orphans, and widows."

19b, 20b, 21b ... Leave it for the foreigners, orphans, and widows.

# Isaiah 25:4a (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> But you are a tower of refuge to the poor, O Lord, a tower of refuge to the needy in distress.

You are a refuge from the storm and a shelter from the heat.

# **Proverbs 19:17** (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord—and he will repay you!

## Principle #1: Create margin in your heart and resources for others.

## Deuteronomy 10:18 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup>He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing.

# Psalm 35:10 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> With every bone in my body I will praise him:

"Lord, who can compare with you?

Who else rescues the helpless from the strong?

Who else protects the helpless and poor from those who rob them?"

# Psalm 103:6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup>The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

#### Psalm 146:7-9 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup>He gives justice to <u>the oppressed</u> and food to <u>the hungry</u>.

The Lord frees the prisoners.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.

The Lord loves the godly.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord protects the foreigners among us.

He cares for the orphans and widows,

but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

# Luke 4:18-19 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released,

that the blind will see,

that the oppressed will be set free,

and that the time of the Lord's favor has come."

# Principle #2: Be the champion for those who have no champion.

## **Proverbs 11:25** (NLT)

<sup>25</sup> The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.

# Matthew 25:31-46 (NLT) The Final Judgment

<sup>31</sup> "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

<sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

<sup>40</sup> "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

<sup>41</sup> "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

- <sup>44</sup> "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'
- <sup>45</sup> "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'
- <sup>46</sup> "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

# Principle #3: Remember that "What we do in life echoes in eternity."

## Titus 2:14 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup>He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to <u>doing good deeds</u>.

## Galatians 6:7-10 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup> Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup> So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.

## 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup>Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Tell them to <u>use their money to do good</u>. They should <u>be rich in good works</u> and <u>generous to those in need</u>, <u>always being ready to share with others</u>. <sup>19</sup>By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

Principle #4: Use whatever <u>privilege</u> and <u>power</u> you have to do good.