

ISAIAH

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learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

Remembering... what you were

Deuteronomy 24:17-18 “You shall not pervert the justice due to the sojourner or to the fatherless, or take a widow's garment in pledge, but you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

Remembering... what you were

Exodus 23:9 “You shall not oppress a sojourner. You know the heart of a sojourner, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:19

“Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt.”

Learn to do good through remembering who I was

- Ephesians 2:11-12 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Learn to do good today with:

- People facing abortion - oppression
- Human trafficking - justice
- Immigrants (widows and fatherless)
- Social Injustices/abuses/poverty/mental illness
(widows and fatherless)

How do I do good by remembering?

- It is only by God's grace I am where I am today instead of being in their shoes.
- I do not know their story and all that God has used to bring them in front of me so that I could minister to them.
- That person is someone's loved one; he or she could be mine.

Psalm 139:13-16 Pro-life message

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

How do I go good in the area of abortion?

- Volunteer at the FPC
- Pray for the truth of pro-life to get out to the younger generation
- Participate in the Bottle drive and encourage others to do so
- Communicate options for choosing life and not death

How can I do good for those who are oppressed?

- Be aware - learn what you can of what is going on around you – suicide, trafficking, etc
- Volunteer at Thrift store
- Participate with Mary Lou/Thrive New England
- Pray for God to rescue us from ungodly judges

Isaiah 10:1-2 Oppressive judges

Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees,
and the writers who keep writing oppression,
to turn aside the needy from justice
and to rob the poor of my people of their right,
that widows may be their spoil,
and that they may make the fatherless their prey!

US Supreme Court and OT Judges

US Supreme Court decisions affecting prayer in schools, use of the Bible, abortion, homosexuality, etc

How can I do good to the fatherless?

- Offer respite care for those that have adopted/foster care
- Assist with KKC
- Help send a camper to ROL

How can I do good to those who lack resources (widows)?

- Make a point to introduce yourself to someone of a different race/choice of lifestyle
- Help someone to learn English
- Love, not judge
- Find them a Bible in their native language

James 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.

James 4:17

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Will I choose to learn to do good to someone outside of the UBC family?