



Change the World!

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"Change the world? Let's start by allowing God to change just one person in Jesus' Name through us." —Dave Branon

Me, change the world?

Yes you, but you can't do it alone.

There's needy people are all around us. Christ said, ***"For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me"*** (Matt. 25:35-40, kjv).

God can use you to witness and meet needs around you—even the greatest need that people have (for salvation in Jesus).

Christian, Jesus is talking about provision, protection and your presence in that passage. He is talking about you and I being effective fishers of people by His Spirit, Who really loves the results of Christ being glorified in us fishing. You've heard it said: ***See a need and meet it. See someone hurting another person—protect them!*** That's what being salt and light is all about—restraining the corruption and illuminating the darkness. Now you and I know that we can save no one. God is the one who changes lives; one-by-one-by-one-by-one, but we are privileged in

Jesus to have a part to play in all this. If we do it His way and in His time, we do it unto Jesus and God really appreciates that! Good things will happen if we do it His way. Yes, Christ wants all Christians to witness His way rather than their own way ...by word and deed—positively holding out the truth in love and negatively standing against the evil. Do you sense God's righteous indignation towards the wrongdoing around you? You can. Do you sense God's love for the lost?

We want to share the bad news that all have sinned and where that leads to—death and Hell. And then we want to share the Good News and where that can lead if the sinner will only repent and trust Christ alone.

We Christians all want to be good witnesses, but in an abusive world like ours it's not always easy. Through Jesus we can do it. I purpose to change this planet by His power. Won't you please join me in this? It starts on our knees.

Maybe you've experienced abuses? Maybe even in a church. I apologize for that. That is not how Christ is at all. You can get beyond that misrepresentation in Him!

So many Americans are hyper-focused on how they've been abused. Our nation is filled with "victims." Many refuse to get over it. Some are trying to get over it and want to. Well, that weirdness (whatever abuse you've suffered) should make you want to pursue Christ daily and be closer to Him. It should make you more keen and concerned about the welfare of the weak and helpless people around you. I mean without us imagining abuse around every corner, it should makes us fiercely ardent inside upward.

I can't make all abuses go away, but God being my Helper, I can make some abuses go away. God hates all forms of it and He expects us to do something when we encounter it - especially when it's involving the weak, the widows, the females, the children, the handicapped and the elderly.

Have you ever heard the saying, *"It's the squeaky wheel that gets the oil?"* Well, how you squeak is crucial!

Have you ever squeaked loud for someone else in need? Edmond Burke basically said something this: ***"All it takes for evil to prevail in a land, in a family, in a church, in a city, is for righteous people to say and do nothing."***

I enjoying reading what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13:7 that speaks to us of God's kind of perfect LOVE. What did he say of our Lord's love?—***"it always protects!"*** The Greek word used here is: *Stego*.

In a nutshell it means this: Love always protects for love knows that there is darkness and evil out there that can hurt, kill, maim, and wreck havoc on people's

lives. Love protects so others may have a chance to learn of God's consistent love in Jesus Christ, but when there is misrepresentation of Christ, people will abandon Him. Love protects for love knows the value of each individual made in God's image. Love protects because love knows how precious life is and that to live life fully, each of us needs protection from the forces that seek to destroy us. Loving mothers and fathers always seek to protect their children vigilantly. Loving teachers seek to protect their pupils. Your loving Father in heaven seeks to protect you while you are alive here on earth. Love protects, because love always seeks to preserve the good—it knows that a righteous lifestyle is good. Houses, cars, careers and toys will soon be gone, but people will last in either one of two places. We need to protect people by showing them God's only fire escape—Jesus Christ. God genuinely cares for people and He expects us to follow His Spirit in kindly helping them—in protecting them from all that harms.

Norris said, "Do a deed of simple kindness, though its end you may not see; it may reach, like widening ripples, down a long eternity."

Most of us want to protect people and change the world for the better, but the job can seem so big. What if we pray and decided to do at least one thing today ...to touch just one person's life? In the name of Jesus, (who told us that providing practical help would be the same as helping our Savior Himself Matt. 25:35-36), what if we reached out to one person with say the gift of time (that seems to be such a precious gift these days), or of listening, or with food, or with clothing, or with transportation? And what if that person, wondering about our motive, asks us why we helped them? We could then help change that person's life for eternity by boldly introducing him or her to our loving Savior. That would protect them. It's all about lovingly helping people with the truth. Seneca said, *"Wherever a human being exists, there is an opportunity to do a kindness."* We are surrounded by hurting people every day that need the Lord and we must not remain passive!

Seek out red-hot fellowship with mature, balanced Christians. Don't let foolish or carnal Christians tell you where God wants you fellowshiping, let the Word of God and the Spirit of God tell you. God doesn't want us led by our feelings or other's opinions. He encourages us to follow His word, to evaluate the facts, to make sure we have the real facts, to think, to properly assess and appraise the situation. He wants us to be awake intellectually. He wants us to give people the benefit of the doubt—not judging their hearts or motives.

Do a study on how many times God tells you to use your head. He said, **"How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray..."** (Matt. 18:12). **"...thou shalt diligently consider"** (Ps. 37:10). **"Now consider this, ye that forget God"** (Ps. 50:22). **"Consider, and incline thine ear..."** (Ps. 45:10). **"Know therefore this day, and consider"** Deut. 4:39. **"Because they turned back from him, and would not consider"** (Job 34:27), **"Thou shalt also**

consider in thine heart" (Deut. 8:5). ***"Remember the days of old, consider"*** (Deut. 32:7). ***"O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider"*** (Deut. 32:29). ***"Now therefore consider what ye have to do."*** (Jud. 18:14).

Keep seeking God and you'll know what to do to rescue, protect and change this world.

