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Being His Image, His Hope

So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT)

"How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"
Romans 10:15 (NLT)

How to be His Living Image and His Living Hope

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? **To act justly** and **to love mercy** and **to walk humbly** with your God. **Micah 6:8 (NIV)**

1. I must intentionally choose to care about and go after His images.

So he (Jesus) left Judea and returned to Galilee...Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar...Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink."...The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" John 4:3-9 (NLT)

2. I must intentionally choose to <u>listen</u> and <u>learn</u>.

"Go and get your husband," Jesus told her. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied. John 4:16-17

3. I must intentionally choose to be His dispenser of mercy.

Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." John 4:10 (NLT)

"No, this is the kind of fasting (Worship) I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help...Remove the heavy yoke of oppression. Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors! Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon." Isaiah 58: 6-10 (NLT)

4. I must choose **humility** and **unity** over **winning**.

Then Jesus told her, "I am the Messiah!" Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, "What do you want with her?" or "Why are you talking to her?" The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?" So the people came streaming from the village to see him... Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days, long enough for many more to hear his message and believe. Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." John 4:26-42 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay made the statement, "Anytime injustice is done to one human being, injustice is done to all." Would you agree or disagree? Why or why not? We were challenged about the people in our lives, do we have anyone in our sphere of friendships that is of a different ethnic background, life situation, socioeconomic situation, or political position than us? Why or why not? Have you ever thought about taking the risk to seek out and build friendships with someone who may be in need, even though they are different than you? This week ask the Lord to give you the opportunity to befriend someone who is different than you and become His ambassador to them. Write and tell us your story. Choose to be His Imago Dei to someone in need of hope.