

## Parents.

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## Deuteronomy 6:4-7 ESV

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

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## Proverbs 22:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

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## Baby.

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## Luke 2:22 ESV

<sup>22</sup> And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

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## Family.

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## 2 Timothy 1:5 ESV

<sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

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## Church.

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## 1 Timothy 4:11-16 ESV

<sup>11</sup> Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup> Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. <sup>13</sup> Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. <sup>14</sup> Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup> Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. <sup>16</sup> Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

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## SERVE Part 1

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Sometimes we find ourselves in difficult situations that are not the result of anything we have done.

Sometimes when bad things happen we think that God is out to get us.

The story of Job.

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## Job 2:9 ESV

<sup>9</sup> Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."

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## Job 4:7-9 ESV

<sup>7</sup> "Remember: who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? <sup>8</sup> As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. <sup>9</sup> By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.

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Later Job's friend Bildad tells Job that he should repent.

You must have done something wrong for all this to happen to you.

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## Matthew 5:45 ESV

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

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People all around us have needs. There are people who are hurting and in a tough situations.

We have to understand that people can get in a tough spot through no fault of their own. People can also make bad choices and find themselves in a tough spot. We are called to help both groups.

Here is what we have to do:

### 1. See the need. - Have Compassion

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## Matthew 14:14 ESV

14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

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## Blue Letter Bible - Compassion Defined

Root word for compassion is defined as = to be moved as to one's bowels, hence to be moved with compassion, have compassion (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity)

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G4697&t=KJV>

When Jesus saw people in need in moved him. It shook him to the core of who He is.

In Matthew 14 he healed the sick.

The sick would have been people who had been told that God was punishing them or they would not be sick.

The sick were people who had begun to think that God did not care for them any more or that God was punishing them.

Jesus act of healing here reverses that thought process. God does care.

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## **Matthew 9:36 ESV**

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

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In Matthew 9 they were harassed

Thrown Down, Cast Out

Helpless

Faint - weak, exhausted, weary, tired.

They had no shepherd.

Shepherds Role is:

1. Protect
2. Provide
3. To know their sheep
4. Lead
5. Search for

These people had no one to care for them.

The religious organization looked at people who were in a tough spot and said that God was punishing them so they pulled back.

The people whom God called to shepherd his people pulled back.

The One who said "I am the Good Shepherd" stepped in. This is what Jesus does. He steps in.

In Matthew 9, Jesus prays.

Watch what he prays for and notice what He does not pray for.

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## Matthew 9:35-38 ESV

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

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Jesus did not pray for the harassed and helpless.

Jesus did pray for the laborers.

There is a lesson in this for us.

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## 2. God's primary way to meet needs is through us.

He prayed that the workers would:

1. Go
2. Serve
3. Care for
4. Help the weary
5. Show love to those who have been cast out.

When we do this, we will be going into the harvest.

When we go into the harvest we will make a difference for the Kingdom of God.

When we see the need and go into the need we will be in the harvest field.

This is obedience and this will make a difference.

Do we want Refuge church to have an impact?

Do we want to make a difference?

Refuge Church, if you want to make a difference for the Kingdom then we need to go to the harvest. We need to go to the need. We need to be moved in our inward being to the core.

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We cannot meet every need so,

### 3. We need to meet the needs that God has called us to meet.

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### John 5:3 ESV

3 In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.

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### John 5:5-9 ESV

5 One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" 7 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." 9 And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

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### Our Question - Who is God calling us to serve?

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### Genesis 16:1-15 ESV

1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. 3 So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. 4 And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. 5 And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her. 7 The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." 10 The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." 11 And the angel of the Lord said to her, "Behold, you are pregnant and shall bear a son. You shall call

his name Ishmael, because the Lord has listened to your affliction. <sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild donkey of a man, his hand against everyone and everyone's hand against him, and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen." <sup>13</sup> So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." <sup>14</sup> Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. <sup>15</sup> And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

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### **Genesis 21:9-21 ESV**

<sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, laughing. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not be heir with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup> And the thing was very displeasing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Be not displeased because of the boy and because of your slave woman. Whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for through Isaac shall your offspring be named. <sup>13</sup> And I will make a nation of the son of the slave woman also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she put the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Let me not look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Up! Lift up the boy, and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make him into a great nation." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> And God was with the boy, and he grew up. He lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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**God is a God who hears people.**

Parents have a tough job.

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In this story God is a God who sees and hears a lady who is in a tough spot through no fault of her own.

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