

*Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.*

—Amos 5:23-24



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*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

— John 10:10



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*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to  
bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free.*

—Luke 4:18-19

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*If a man enters your church wearing an expensive suit, and a street person wearing rags comes in right after him, and you say to the man in the suit, "Sit here, sir; this is the best seat in the house!" and either ignore the street person or say, "Better sit here in the back row," haven't you segregated God's children and proved that you are judges who can't be trusted?*

—James 2:2-4 (*The Message*)



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*Speak out for those who cannot speak,  
for the rights of all the destitute.  
Speak out, judge righteously,  
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—Proverbs 31:8-9



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*If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. And you made it disappear.*

—1 John 3:17 (*The Message*)

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