

REAL COURAGE

"I will maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others." Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us. Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." **1 John**

PRIORITIZE _____

_____ THERE IS A NEED
_____ IN NEED
_____ THE NEED

_____ THE OPPORTUNITY – DON'T _____ IT...

"Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." **1 Peter**

"Open the eyes of my heart." – Michael W. Smith

LOOK PAST THE SITUATION. _____ (person in need)

WHAT DID JESUS SEE?

"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him....." **John**

DON'T OVER COMPLICATE IT. _____

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." **John**

IS IN NEED?

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you. Jesus said, “Feed my lambs. **John 21:19 NIV**

DO THEY NEED?

“This is a large work I’ve called you into, but don’t be overwhelmed by it. It’s best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice you won’t lose out on a thing.” **Matthew**

PRIORITIZE YOURSELF

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” **Matthew**

– What costs you, counts the most

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:” **Philippians**

YOURSELF

“If you don’t go all the way with me, through thick and thin, you don’t deserve me. If your first concern is to look after yourself, you’ll never find yourself. But if you forget about yourself and look to me, you’ll find both yourself and me.” **Matthew**

IF NOT _____, THEN _____

“I looked for someone to stand up for me against all this, to repair the defenses of the city, to take a stand for me and stand in the gap to protect this land so I wouldn’t have to destroy it. I couldn’t find anyone. Not one. So I’ll empty out my wrath on them, burn them to a crisp with my hot anger, serve them with the consequences of all they’ve done. Decree of God. The Master”. **Ezekiel**

What is one thing you can do tomorrow to “anticipate opportunities” rather than ignore them?

What keeps you from not seeing people in need and/or fulfilling the need?

Who are your sheep? Who are the people nearby?

Think of one person in that group....what is a need they have? DON’T OVER COMPLICATE IT!

How do you remind yourself to deny yourself?

