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Valerie E. Pavey: Welcome, everyone. We're glad to have you here with us today for our webinar.

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Valerie E. Pavey: My name is Valerie Pavey, I'm a member of the Territorial Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Committee here in

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Valerie E. Pavey: in Canada. And with me as my co-host is Christina Lee, who's a member of the January 2026 MSHT Awareness Month team. And together, we welcome you to today's webinar, Step Up and Pray, The Greater Work in the Fight Against Dr.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Modern slavery and Human Trafficking.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So the goal of today's webinar is to explore our call to step up and pray, and to recognize that prayer is not the least that we can do, but it is the greater work, and that it's essential in the fight against human trafficking.

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Valerie E. Pavey: As we begin today, I'd like to share our land acknowledgement together.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory acknowledges this land is the traditional territory and homeland of many Indigenous nations.

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Valerie E. Pavey: As the original caretakers, Indigenous peoples welcome newcomers with hospitality and generosity, seeking to walk well with one another.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Today, Indigenous nations comprising the First Nation, Inuit, Metis, continue to reside across this land.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We seek to honor the past, present, and future contributions Indigenous peoples make to strengthening communities across Turtle Island.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We are all people residing on traditional, unceded, or treated territories. Many of us have come here as settlers, immigrants, newcomers in this generation, or generations past.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We are mindful of broken covenants, and we strive to make this right with the land and with each other.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We would also like to acknowledge those of us who came here involuntarily, particularly as a result of the transatlantic slave trade. And so, we honor and pay tribute to the ancestors of African origin and descent.

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Valerie E. Pavey: May we learn to walk gently with one another.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, as I said, we're happy to have you here today. It's webinar style, so our cameras are off, our mics are muted, but we do invite you to engage with each other and with us. You can use the

chat today to let us know where you're joining from.

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Valerie E. Pavey: As, Janea shares with us, if you think of resources that you think will be helpful for others, we encourage you to drop those in the chat as well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We will be having a question time near the end, so if you have questions, we would encourage you to use the Q&A button and post your questions for Janea there, and we will try our best to get through all of those.

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Valerie E. Pavey: If you think of something afterwards, that's okay, because we're going to share with you Janea's,

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Valerie E. Pavey: Email address as well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: We want to remind you that the session is being recorded. A copy of it will be available on our website next week, and if there's other resources to share, we'll be posting those there as well.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so, before we begin, and before I introduce Janea to you, I would just like us to pause for a moment of prayer.

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Valerie E. Pavey: God, we thank you for this opportunity we have to... to gather together to learn. We thank you for Janea. We thank you for the words, the wisdom that you have given to her to share and pass along with us. And so, Father, we just ask that you will

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Valerie E. Pavey: Help us to hear, what is being said, that we would feel called and challenged to, join in prayer, to help fight against human trafficking. And so, Father, just be with Janea.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Be with,

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Valerie E. Pavey: with her presentation, be with the technology, we just pray that all things would work smoothly together. In your name I pray. Amen.

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Valerie E. Pavey: All right, so Janea is a leader, an educator, a student, a wife, a mother, and a long-time salvationist. She's a keen interest in social impacts of human and organizational behavior.

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Valerie E. Pavey: She currently serves as the Director of Illuminate Anti-Human Trafficking Programs for the Salvation Army Belkin Communities of Hope in British Columbia.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Where it is sunny today. Janea's dedication to serving vulnerable and marginalized people stems from her love of Jesus and her personal experience of growing up.

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Valerie E. Pavey: in an underserved community along the border of Mexico and the USA. She knows firsthand the impact that dedicated nonprofits can have.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And she's committed to... committed,

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Valerie E. Pavey: to ensuring the Salvation Army fulfills its mission to share the love of Jesus Christ, to meet human needs, and to be a transforming influence in the communities of our world. Welcome, Jenea. I turned it over to you.

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Jenea Gomez: Thank you, Valerie.

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Jenea Gomez: Before I jump in, I just want to say how very encouraged I am that you're here, that you've made the time to tune in live, or to come back and watch as we talk about this topic. You know that we're here to talk about modern slavery and human trafficking.

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Jenea Gomez: And you know that we're here to talk about prayer, and those two things combined, for whatever reason, has prompted you to be here, and so I just want to say thank you, because we need you, we need prayer.

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Jenea Gomez: As we engage in the work with survivors, with policymakers, with offenders.

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Jenea Gomez: Thank you for your desire and your interest to join us through prayer.

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Jenea Gomez: So, as Valerie mentioned, I am the Director for Anti-Human Trafficking Programs with the Salvation Army in British Columbia, and I feel very privileged to be able to do the work that I do, to have met the brave survivors that I have met.

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Jenea Gomez: It keeps me awake to the reality of the world.

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Jenea Gomez: I'm a mother of four, and most mornings, including this morning, I was rushing around, you know, my husband and I, we do our best to have things ready the night before, pack lunches, make sure everybody has clean socks to wear the next day.

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Jenea Gomez: But somehow, every morning, I find myself

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Jenea Gomez: Eating my breakfast in the elevator, and drinking my coffee as we roll over speed bumps, doing my makeup in the passenger seat of our van, in what is mostly a sunny... I mean, not a sunny Vancouver, usually cloudy, so I don't even have good lighting.

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Jenea Gomez: But then I get to the office, I get... I get in, and it doesn't take very long before

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Jenea Gomez: I have some kind of interaction or conversation. I get an email, a phone call, or something that just shakes me out of my bubble.

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Jenea Gomez: And I'm really grateful for that.

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Jenea Gomez: The work that we do in response to modern slavery and human trafficking, it can be hard, and it can be heartbreaking, but

really, like, I don't get the option to not see it, and I don't get to look away, and I'm really, really grateful for that.

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Jenea Gomez: So I want to share just a couple of statistics, I guess?

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Jenea Gomez: the most recent global report that we have on trafficking in persons from the United Nations estimates that there is almost 50 million people, living in modern slavery of some sort in the world today.

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Jenea Gomez: In 2024, there was a notable increase in the number of trafficking cases compared to pre-pandemic levels.

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Jenea Gomez: One of the most significant trends, that was noticed was the sharp increase in forced labor. There was a 47% increase.

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Jenea Gomez: within 2024, and as well, a surge in child trafficking cases. And this could be for so many reasons. You know, maybe the awareness that people are doing

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Jenea Gomez: means that people are learning what human trafficking is. Maybe service providers are just connecting more with

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Jenea Gomez: The cases that are out there, but in any case, it's a lot.

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Jenea Gomez: Not all countries have standards around... the same standards around human trafficking, or even defining what slavery is. In 2024, law enforcement around the world was able to identify over 130,000 victims.

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Jenea Gomez: Now, that's just the... just the cases that actually made it to law enforcement. There were 7,115 convictions globally.

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Jenea Gomez: And 14 new or amended pieces of legislation related to human trafficking.

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Jenea Gomez: In some ways, it feels like a drop in the bucket compared to the scope of a problem that we have.

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Jenea Gomez: And yet, I know that, it takes an immense amount of labor and work

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Jenea Gomez: And intentional coordination to get one conviction, and to have one piece of legislation amended or approved.

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Jenea Gomez: And so, to have 715 convictions and 14 new pieces of legislation, or amended legislation.

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Jenea Gomez: Means that people are doing things, right?

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Jenea Gomez: I'm gonna share with you this these,

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Jenea Gomez: This data from that report, sorry.

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Jenea Gomez: And you can just look at that while I bring it a little closer to home in Canada.

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Jenea Gomez: We have the Canadian Center to End Human Trafficking, and among many of the wonderful things that they do, they're commissioned by the government to collect statistics, to produce reports, that are able to paint a little bit of a picture for us nationally of the landscape of human trafficking within our borders.

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Jenea Gomez: In 2025, their report indicated that sex trafficking remains the most common form of human trafficking, accounting for 69% of all identified cases within this country.

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Jenea Gomez: Also noticed a huge increase in labor trafficking cases that were reported to the hotline.

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Jenea Gomez: Within a 3-year period, there was a 700 and... no, 317% increase, that's a lot, within a 3-year period compared to the 3 years before that.

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Jenea Gomez: Again, we don't know why the numbers keep rising. Maybe it's a good thing, because we can actually see.

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Jenea Gomez: But it's not a small problem. It's... it's not a small problem that we have. I could stand here, and I could tell you stories about

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Jenea Gomez: How complicated and how deeply embedded into our society this problem is.

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Jenea Gomez: I could tell you about a mother that I've spoken to who made the painful decision to sell one of her children.

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Jenea Gomez: I could tell you about a young woman who came to Vancouver from a northern rural community wanting to enjoy a football game, and then got swept up into the world of trafficking.

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Jenea Gomez: I could tell you about a foreign worker who came to this country not knowing or understanding his rights, believing that the years he spent in debt bondage to his employer was lawful and his own fault.

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Jenea Gomez: The reality that I can't not see every day is that when people say that human trafficking is hidden and pervasive, that means

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Jenea Gomez: That it doesn't...

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Jenea Gomez: Always look like a sex worker, or an addict, or a criminal, and it rarely looks like someone in chains.

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Jenea Gomez: Sometimes it looks like normal, everyday things.

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Jenea Gomez: Like a nanny, like a construction worker, like a nail artist, like a farm worker.

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Jenea Gomez: Victims are recruited online, at school, by friends, often by family.

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Jenea Gomez: Sometimes it's the very laws of our own countries and the pathways to entry and employment for foreigners that perpetuate the problem and protect traffickers. It's not a small problem.

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Jenea Gomez: And that's just a little picture of what human trafficking looks like with our physical eyes.

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Jenea Gomez: And even, you know, they say seeing is believing, but sometimes even just seeing physically can be hard, because we have our biases, and we have our assumptions, and we have our distractions that keep us veiled in some way to the things that are happening right in front of us.

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Jenea Gomez: I imagine, for you.

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Jenea Gomez: Likely, you've had some kind of experience, maybe with a survivor, some kind of exposure that

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Jenea Gomez: Relates to human trafficking, and now you see.

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Jenea Gomez: And that might be part of why you're here.

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Jenea Gomez: You've been exposed to this in some way, and you can't not unsee it.

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Jenea Gomez: And then, you know, you get to a place where you think, what do I do? How do I respond?

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Jenea Gomez: And when we're filled with that righteous kind of justice to do something.

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Jenea Gomez: We say, step up and pray.

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Jenea Gomez: When we feel that pull to do something meaningful, where...

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Jenea Gomez: We feel like we're making an impact.

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Jenea Gomez: We're able to access this truly powerful weapon that has far greater impact than we could ever see just with our physical eyes.

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Jenea Gomez: So I want to take us to a scripture, that I want to share today from Ephesians chapter 6.

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Jenea Gomez: Versus 10 to 12.

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Jenea Gomez: And it begins... a final word. Now, this isn't a Bible study, so I'm not going to get into breaking down everything that this means, but I will say, in some context, the person writing this is writing a letter to a church. So if you imagine yourself writing a letter to a worshipping community of

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Jenea Gomez: Believers, and you're gonna say all the important things that you think that you need for them to know, and then you get to a place where you say, a final word.

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Jenea Gomez: And that's what's happened here. So Paul says, a final word, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

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Jenea Gomez: Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world.

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Jenea Gomez: And against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

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Jenea Gomez: So, I'll be honest, I had my own idea. When Valerie and I first connected about this webinar, I had a great idea, what I thought was a great idea, of what I could do.

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Jenea Gomez: And then I did the thing where I asked God what He wanted for our time together, and it was completely different. I still think my idea was better, but...

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Jenea Gomez: I really felt like God was pushing me

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Jenea Gomez: To look deeper, and to think deeper, to feel deeper.

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Jenea Gomez: I don't know if you've ever seen the movie The Lion King, but in that movie, there's the main character, Simba, he's a lion.

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Jenea Gomez: And he loses his dad when he's a kid, and he kind of is floundering for his identity through his life. And he meets this old, wise monkey, who's kind of like...

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Jenea Gomez: A bit of a guide to him.

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Jenea Gomez: And the monkey says all kinds of...

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Jenea Gomez: confusing things, like wise people usually do, but he tells him, your father's not dead, I've seen your father. Follow me, I'll take you to him. And then he takes him on this wild journey, and he brings him to this clearing, and then there's this... this, you know, piece of water, this still water, and he tells him, look down there.

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Jenea Gomez: And so Simba looks down into the water, and he sees, of course, his reflection, and he's like, that's not my dad, that's just my reflection.

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Jenea Gomez: And Simba says, no, no, not Simba, Rafiki, the monkey, says, no, look harder.

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Jenea Gomez: And so Simba looks down again.

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Jenea Gomez: And he begins to see the image of his father in himself.

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Jenea Gomez: And that's the best way that I can describe for you the first thing that we need to do with this invitation to step up and pray, and that is to see. That's our first of three takeaways, to see. To see that

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Jenea Gomez: What we experience in the physical is connected and influenced by what is happening in the spiritual. All the statistics and all the stories that we hear, there's something behind that that's happening.

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Jenea Gomez: And that concept can be a little bit uncomfortable for some of us, sometimes, and... and I'm just gonna ask that you just lean into that uncomfortability, to look harder.

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Jenea Gomez: To look deeper, to allow yourself to be shaken out of

your bubble, into the reality of what it means that we don't fight.

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Jenea Gomez: Against flesh and blood enemies.

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Jenea Gomez: So when we have this sense of righteous justice, and we feel like we have to do something, as believers, we get to pray.

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Jenea Gomez: People say to me oftentimes, you know, Janae, you're on the front lines, and you're doing the hard work, and the very least that I can do is pray. But it's not, it's not the least that we can do. It is really the thing that we get to do, that we can do.

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Jenea Gomez: As important as it is for us to respond to human need in front of us, to feed the hungry, invite the stranger in, go to those imprisoned.

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Jenea Gomez: It's important for us to uphold justice, to defend the oppressed, to be ministers of reconciliation, all those things Scripture instructs us to do, and we should do.

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Jenea Gomez: All the ways that we can step up and be inspired, be informed, be involved.

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Jenea Gomez: I don't want to minimize any of those things.

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Jenea Gomez: But I do want to amplify for us today the fact that

prayer is our primary weapon.

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Jenea Gomez: It's the strongest weapon, but it's often minimized.

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Jenea Gomez: And I believe that's a strategy of the enemy, if I'm honest. Ephesians 6,

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Jenea Gomez: which we read, 11, says, put on the full armor of God so that you will be able to stand against the strategies of the devil, who is our enemy. And so we have

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Jenea Gomez: a strategic enemy.

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Jenea Gomez: And what would be more strategic of an enemy than to minimize the potential impact of the greatest weapon that we have?

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Jenea Gomez: And so... As we look to respond to the injustice of human trafficking through prayer.

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Jenea Gomez: We need to begin by really seeing.

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Jenea Gomez: Yes, when we look at the problem, we see the survivor, we see the perpetrator, we see the systems, the legislation, and that deserves our attention.

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Jenea Gomez: And also, beyond that, behind that, enabling that, fueling that, there are spiritual realities that we confront in prayer.

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Jenea Gomez: And that brings us to our second takeaway, which is to seek

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Jenea Gomez: To seek through prayer, to align ourselves.

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Jenea Gomez: with the will of God, the truth of God, and to call that into being.

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Jenea Gomez: So this is, this is the part where we're actually going to practice a little bit together. I thought it would be a bit silly to... to talk about stepping up and praying, and to talk about aligning ourselves to prayer, and then to not actually pray together. So,

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Jenea Gomez: I'm gonna invite you to engage a little bit with me here. If you have a paper or a pen, you can feel free to get that. You certainly don't need it, but it might be helpful, you know, if you like to write things down.

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Jenea Gomez: there are so many ways to engage in prayer, and I'm not gonna tell you that there's, you know, what's right and what's wrong,

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Jenea Gomez: Whether it's praise and adoration, repentance, petition, lament. A co-worker the other day handed me this book by Walter

Bergman, and it's just filled with angry prayers.

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Jenea Gomez: And that's okay, they're actually very beautiful. They're very real.

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Jenea Gomez: There is freedom in our prayers when we communicate with God. Something that was shared with me

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Jenea Gomez: really, shifted the way that I approach prayer is the truth that we get to play from... pray from a place of victory.

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Jenea Gomez: So we don't have to strive or strain, we just have to align ourselves with the truth and the will of God. We don't have to fabricate some kind of passion or eloquent words in order to get God to hear us.

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Jenea Gomez: When it comes to engaging in prayer for something like modern slavery, human trafficking, you might be filled with words, or you might not even know what to say. You might have nothing but, like, sighs and groans, and that is perfectly acceptable.

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Jenea Gomez: But where we want to start is in aligning ourselves with God's will. And the easiest way, and again, probably one of the most powerful ways that we can do that is to use His Word.

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Jenea Gomez: We can pray the Bible, we can say back to God what He has already said to us. Actually, in Ephesians 6, when Paul is in the context of that scripture that we read, he's talking to the church about putting on the full armor. One of those includes the sword of

the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

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Jenea Gomez: So, what I'm gonna do next is I'm gonna share with you a few scriptures, and then some examples of how we can take that scripture and pray it back to God.

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Jenea Gomez: And I encourage you, again, to participate with me. You know, I encourage you to say the prayers out loud, to add your own words to these prayers, to

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Jenea Gomez: To add your prayer to the truth that we have in Scripture.

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Jenea Gomez: So we're gonna start here with Luke 4, 18.

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Jenea Gomez: It says, he has sent me to proclaim freedom for the captives.

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Jenea Gomez: And release from darkness for the prisoners.

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Jenea Gomez: So we can just say that back to God, Lord.

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Jenea Gomez: We proclaim freedom for the captives.

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Jenea Gomez: And in that, you can... You can add in...

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Jenea Gomez: what that might look like to you. We proclaim freedom for the captives, physically, psychologically, spiritually.

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Jenea Gomez: We pray for the release from darkness, deception, control.

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Jenea Gomez: Here's another one, Psalm 34, 18. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted.

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Jenea Gomez: He saves those who are crushed in spirit. So this is... again, this is the... this is His truth. This is his... this is who God is. He's...

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Jenea Gomez: close to the brokenhearted, He saves those who are crushed in spirit, so we can take that and say, Lord, would you be near to those who are crushed in spirit? Would you be near to those who are crushed by the trauma of trafficking?

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Jenea Gomez: Do you see how we're just...

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Jenea Gomez: taking that scripture and saying it back to God. And then we can add to that and say.

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Jenea Gomez: The names of people, or people groups, if we don't know names.

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Jenea Gomez: Would you save them from despair and comfort their heartache?

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Jenea Gomez: John 1.15 says, the light shines in the darkness.

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Jenea Gomez: And the darkness has not overcome it.

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Jenea Gomez: So that's... we get to pray that from that place of victory, from that truth. That's the will of God, that the light shines in the darkness, the darkness has not overcome it, so we can just pray God

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Jenea Gomez: Would you shine into the darkest places of where trafficking thrives in our world?

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Jenea Gomez: And in the hearts of men.

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Jenea Gomez: Let your light come into this darkness.

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Jenea Gomez: Book 12, too.

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Jenea Gomez: For there is nothing concealed.

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Jenea Gomez: That will not be disclosed. Or hidden.

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Jenea Gomez: That will not be made known.

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Jenea Gomez: And so we pray that, God.

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Jenea Gomez: God of truth, expose what is hidden.

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Jenea Gomez: Bring trafficking networks, deception, and abuse into the light to rescue

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Jenea Gomez: So that rescue and justice can come.

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Jenea Gomez: Joel 2, 25, I will restore to you the years that the locusts have eaten.

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Jenea Gomez: What a beautiful promise God made to Israel.

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Jenea Gomez: So, God, would you restore?

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Jenea Gomez: Would you redeem what has been stolen from survivors?

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Jenea Gomez: would you restore their loss? Their loss of years, dignity, their hope?

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Jenea Gomez: What else?

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Jenea Gomez: And finally, Jeremiah 29:11, For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.

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Jenea Gomez: What a beautiful prayer to pray over survivors, God. You know your people.

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Jenea Gomez: And so we speak over them your plans of freedom, of redemption, of good and not harm.

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Jenea Gomez: Would you replace the harm with healing?

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Jenea Gomez: Would you replace despair with hope?

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Jenea Gomez: We can use passages, we can use scriptures, individually.

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Jenea Gomez: Psalms are great to use, they're... Already written prayers for us.

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Jenea Gomez: In Matthew 6,

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Jenea Gomez: Jesus instructs his disciples how to pray. He tells them, this, then, is how you should pray.

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Jenea Gomez: Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name.

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Jenea Gomez: Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

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Jenea Gomez: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us.

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Jenea Gomez: from the evil one. So this is just... this is another way where we can take the structure, the instruction.

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Jenea Gomez: that Jesus has given, and we can let the Word of God lead us as we seek to align ourselves

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Jenea Gomez: with his will. So... We're gonna do that, too. We're gonna

pray Psalm 23.

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Jenea Gomez: And...

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Jenea Gomez: I have here for you the verses, and then a prayer that I've written out, and you can... you can pray the prayer that I've written out. You can, again, add your words, add your prayer to...

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Jenea Gomez: To this?

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Jenea Gomez: But we'll just go through. Psalm 23, verse 9 says, Our Father in Heaven, How would be your name?

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Jenea Gomez: And so we can add to that.

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Jenea Gomez: You know, just our elaboration of

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Jenea Gomez: the words of, you know, who God is.

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Jenea Gomez: You are a God who sees the unseen.

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Jenea Gomez: You hear the cries of the oppressed. You have proven yourself faithful.

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Jenea Gomez: Verse 10, Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. And we can ask the same thing. God, let your kingdom come.

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Jenea Gomez: Where greed and exploitation rule on this earth.

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Jenea Gomez: Let your will interrupt every system that profits from the suffering of others.

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Jenea Gomez: Verse 11, give us today our daily bread. So here we see petitioning and asking for what we need. So we can ask, God, would you provide safe pathways out for those who are being trafficked?

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Jenea Gomez: Would you sustain us? Would you sustain and provide resource for service providers?

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Jenea Gomez: Where perpetrators are driven by fear and hardened hearts, would you remove what feeds them? What leads them towards destruction?

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Jenea Gomez: What feeds their destruction and lead them towards repentance?

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Jenea Gomez: Verse 12, And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors. So this is... you see a form of confession here.

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Jenea Gomez: Forgive us, Lord, where we have been unaware, indifferent, or silent in the face of injustice.

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Jenea Gomez: Help us to see.

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Jenea Gomez: Soften our hearts to forgive and to act with compassion towards your people.

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Jenea Gomez: And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

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Jenea Gomez: We ask, God, that you would guard our hearts from the temptation of complacency and fear.

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Jenea Gomez: And that you would protect the vulnerable from deception and harm.

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Jenea Gomez: It's just... it's just one way, right, that we can, again, seek to align ourselves in prayer, we can use the Word of God.

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Jenea Gomez: Seek to align ourselves in prayer with God's will and His truth.

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Jenea Gomez: And pray that into being, so that we can see it with our physical eyes.

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Jenea Gomez: It's not a small problem.

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Jenea Gomez: But we don't have a small god, either.

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Jenea Gomez: And, you know, I'm not... I'm not naive. I know that sometimes it can feel like,

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Jenea Gomez: Like, we keep doing all the things. We keep working, and we keep praying, and the numbers keep going up, and the calls keep coming in, and the stories don't get any easier to hear.

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Jenea Gomez: And we have to live in that tension of knowing that there is a liberating God that we pray to, and yet evil persists.

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Jenea Gomez: We see that God's will is redemption, and yet our prayers can feel unanswered, sometimes, or in vain.

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Jenea Gomez: Like, maybe we're just wasting our time, and it would be better if we just quit our jobs and

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Jenea Gomez: Ran into a brothel and tried to save everyone.

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Jenea Gomez: And we wouldn't be alone in feeling that. Those complaints are written throughout Scripture. Psalm 10 says, Why, Lord, do you stand far off?

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Jenea Gomez: Jeremiah asks, why do the wicked prosper? Revelation talks about the martyrs cry out, how long before justice comes?

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Jenea Gomez: A few weeks ago, my 12-year-old daughter had a, like, a go-with-your-parent-to-work day.

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Jenea Gomez: And I was genuinely excited about it. She was excited about being here. She...

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Jenea Gomez: you know, knows what I do, obviously not in fullness, but, I was excited for her to come and have... just have a glimpse of... of what I get to do every day. And, and she was like, your job is boring.

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Jenea Gomez: You don't do anything. All you do is talk all day, and go on your computer, and, like, there's nothing exciting, and I'm just like...

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Jenea Gomez: I have to be honest, I was a little bit offended.

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Jenea Gomez: I was like, trust me, girl, I am doing things, very important things.

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Jenea Gomez: You might not see it, but... It's happening.

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Jenea Gomez: And it can defi- it can feel that way sometimes, like... like... Nothing is happening.

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Jenea Gomez: But God is doing things. He is.

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Jenea Gomez: And so that leads me to our final takeaway, which is to stand.

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Jenea Gomez: To stand firm as the Holy Spirit equips us

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Jenea Gomez: to stay alert and remain steadfast. And so, I have another scripture I want to share with you from Colossians 1.15.

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Jenea Gomez: I was debating if, you know, I'm like, this is sounding way too sermy, I don't know if I should share a whole other passage of Scripture, but, I really, yeah, again, I really felt the... just the push, too, because, this is a reality, too, that... that we have to manage this tension.

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Jenea Gomez: I can say, pray, pray, pray, but I know that that can feel,

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Jenea Gomez: tiring sometimes, and... and not effective.

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Jenea Gomez: But it is so, so meaningful.

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Jenea Gomez: And, and so we have to... we have to... in order to manage this tension well, we have to understand where we are in the story. We're not actually at the end of the story. We know the end of the story, we know that there is victory, we play... pray from a place of victory.

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Jenea Gomez: We know that that is what has been attained for us.

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Jenea Gomez: But it's, like, now and not yet at the same time. And so, as I read the scripture from Colossians,

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Jenea Gomez: you'll see some confirmation with our Ephesian scriptures, some places where that aligns, not only in talking about the unseen world, but also the call to stand firm.

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Jenea Gomez: And a lot of truth about the will of God.

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Jenea Gomez: So I'll just read here, starting Colossians 1,

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Jenea Gomez: In verse 15, Christ is the visible image of the invisible

God. He existed before anything was created, and is supreme over all creation.

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Jenea Gomez: For through Him, God created everything in heaven, in the heavenly realms, and on earth.

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Jenea Gomez: He made the things that we can see.

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Jenea Gomez: And the things that we can't see, such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world.

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Jenea Gomez: Everything was created through Him and for him.

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Jenea Gomez: He existed before anything else. He holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is the body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead.

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Jenea Gomez: So he is the first in everything. For God, in all of His fullness, was pleased to live in Christ, and through Him, God reconciled everything to Himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth.

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Jenea Gomez: by means of Christ's blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. You were His enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in the physical body, in the physical body.

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Jenea Gomez: As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

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Jenea Gomez: But you must continue to believe this truth, and to stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance that you received when you heard the good news.

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Jenea Gomez: There is so much in this passage, and I'm gonna remind myself that this isn't a Bible study, and I'm not going to attempt to pull everything out and break it all down for you, but there's a couple of key reasons why I wanted to share this passage. The first is that

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Jenea Gomez: It reinforces our need to see the physical and the spiritual, or the seen and the unseen. The unseen kingdoms and rulers and authorities that we're up against.

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Jenea Gomez: Something else that we can clearly see in this passage is God's will for reconciliation and peace, even for those who are far from Him, who are separated from Him by their evil thoughts and actions.

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Jenea Gomez: His will is for peace with everything in heaven and on earth, and that happens by means of Christ's blood on the cross, which I will come back to in a moment.

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Jenea Gomez: We also find, this passage is just filled with truth that we can align ourselves, again, align ourselves with and pray into being, that God is supreme over all creation, and that includes those

unseen things.

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Jenea Gomez: The truth that he holds all creation together, even when it feels like everything is falling apart.

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Jenea Gomez: And then in verse 23, we have this familiar call to stand firm.

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Jenea Gomez: to not drift away from the assurance that we received when we heard the good news. And that good news is what brings us back to Christ on the cross. Verse 20, which says, He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth. So that's the... that's the victory that we pray from. That's the thing that's already been accomplished.

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Jenea Gomez: By means of Christ's blood on the cross.

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Jenea Gomez: And this is how we stand firm. This is how... this is how we manage that tension of now and not yet, of knowing that Christ has made peace with everything in heaven and on earth.

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Jenea Gomez: But we don't see the fullness, we're not, like, living in the fullness of that yet. And until that day comes, we have this final word from Paul to the Ephesians to stand firm with the full armor of God, knowing our enemy.

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Jenea Gomez: you know, again, this isn't a Bible study, so I didn't go into the whole armor of God, and I would encourage you to go back and to dig deeper into that.

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Jenea Gomez: something really, really cool is that he, you know, he says, stand firm, put on the full armor of God, and then Paul goes into telling them what the armor of God is, again, one being the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of truth, and then he finishes with a call to pray.

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Jenea Gomez: He says, pray in the Spirit at all times, and on every occasion, stay alert and be persistent in your prayers.

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Jenea Gomez: And this is where we are in God's story. Christ has conquered sin and death.

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Jenea Gomez: Colossians, later on in Colossians, it says that he disarmed the powers and authorities and made public spectacles of them. It's one of my favorite verses.

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Jenea Gomez: He has gone to prepare a place for us. He's coming back one day. Revelation says that one day He will wipe every tear from their eye. There will be no more death, or mourning, or crying, or pain. The old things will pass away, new things will come.

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Jenea Gomez: We know that that's the end of the story, that's the full story.

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Jenea Gomez: But we live in this space where

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Jenea Gomez: The world around us is controlled by an evil one.

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Jenea Gomez: Peter tells us to stay alert, to watch out for our enemy. The devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

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Jenea Gomez: Colossians... shows us again that Satan is the god of this world, and he's blinded the mind of unbelievers.

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Jenea Gomez: We have this assurance that we can pray from a place of victory, and yet, in that tension, we're called to stand firm.

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Jenea Gomez: with the full armor of God.

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Jenea Gomez: With the help of the Holy Spirit, to pray in the Spirit at all times.

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Jenea Gomez: And on every occasion, to stay alert, To be persistent.

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Jenea Gomez: I hope that... well, I hope that I didn't speak too fast, first of all, and I hope that,

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Jenea Gomez: More importantly, that you've... I heard the importance of seeing and seeking and standing.

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Jenea Gomez: And just how important and how valuable your prayers are in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking. This call to step up and pray, it was... it's not just, like, a nice thing that fits with our theme this month, and it's not just something that's like, oh, you know, we should talk about this, because we're a Christian organization.

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Jenea Gomez: No, this, this, this is, the call to step up and pray is essential, and we need it.

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Jenea Gomez: And... Yeah, with that, I'm gonna pass it back over to Valerie.

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Jenea Gomez: And... probably stop sharing my screen.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you so much, Janea.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Really encouraging. And, and thank you,

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you for bringing scripture verses and showing us how we can pray over them. Christina, I don't know if you can turn on your mic for just a moment.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Christina, were there... there were no... were there questions in the Q&A, or...

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Cristina Lee: No, there isn't any, but if there is, I will.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So there were... so... I think, Janea, it might be helpful for someone who's never,

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Valerie E. Pavey: done this before. You have given us great scripture passages that we can, afterwards, because we've recorded this, we're going to share your PowerPoint for those who do to ask those questions.

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Valerie E. Pavey: If somebody wanted to... to do what you've done and find Scripture.

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Valerie E. Pavey: this might seem like an odd question, but if they went to BibleGateway.com, for example, or opened up a physical Bible... Bible Gateway, I think, is probably the better place to start for my question. What kind of words would you suggest

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Valerie E. Pavey: That they search for to find verses that will help them pray over human trafficking.

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Jenea Gomez: Yeah, that's... that's a really great question. You know, I think... so, Christina, I know linked in the chat, Bible Gateway, so if anybody doesn't already, you know, have access to that or know how to, you can certainly use those links and go there.

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Jenea Gomez: An easy place that you can probably start from those

links is, just to look at the scripture that we've already, already chose, or, you know, talked about today, and then, over to the right

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Jenea Gomez: right? My right. When you're looking at the screen, there's usually some functions that you can use to find

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Jenea Gomez: similar passages of Scripture that are talking about the same thing, but I think more broadly, you know, I mean.

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Jenea Gomez: there are so many things that Scripture talks about redemption and reconciliation. Scripture tells us how we should treat the foreigners and, slaves and, you know, so I think searching anything, anything like that, you'll find...

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Jenea Gomez: hopefully some prompts to prayer. I think, also, if you just, you know, look at,

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Jenea Gomez: Psalms, if you pick any psalm, you will find a prayer written for you. And, you know, some of them are a little bit... maybe, you know, more, lamenting than others, and so that might feel where you're at, but...

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Jenea Gomez: it really just... yeah, I think, I think it's, it's really broad, yeah.

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Cristina Lee: There is a question for Jenea, but I think she already answered that, but I'll still read it, just in case you want to add some more. So, for Jenea, would it be helpful or good for you and others? In ministry specific to MSHD, to know of the prayers

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Cristina Lee: Okay.

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Cristina Lee: There's more coming in.

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Cristina Lee: prayers, people are praying, and maybe how God is leading them in their prayers.

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Jenea Gomez: Absolutely. I can't even tell you how encouraging that is. We have... we have some... a small group of people that we...

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Jenea Gomez: that we ask... that we send prayer requests to fairly regularly. And, they pray, they listen, and sometimes they have things

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Jenea Gomez: you know, to say back to us. It's encouraging. Actually, just yesterday, I was, you know, kind of doing some finishing touches on the... on the PowerPoint, and I got a Teams message from one of our Safe House supervisors, and she said.

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Jenea Gomez: I don't know, Janae, I just feel this really strong sense to pray.

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Jenea Gomez: And, you know, she had kind of an idea of what that looked like. And so, to know that there are other people out there praying for us, even if it's just that line, and like I said, often it is... we do get that. We do get people who say.

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Jenea Gomez: Oh, the least I can do is pray, and I always engage in a conversation to say, no, no, no, no, please don't think it's the least, please do it, please do it, more. We would be so happy and so encouraged to hear that, and Valerie will share my email with you, so please, please do.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So

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Valerie E. Pavey: That makes me want to ask the next question, then, Jenea. If there was someone who would like to be, praying for your ministry, is it okay for them to write you on your email again and say, hey, can you add me to your, per partner list?

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Jenea Gomez: Absolutely, and, you know, like I said, we do have that group, so if that's something that someone wanted to... to join in, and, I mean, you can... it's the great thing, too, Dougie, you can do that from anywhere.

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Jenea Gomez: Wherever you are, and we can send you updates. It is, like, I don't do it enough, but it encourages me, it encourages our team, too, when, I get to go back to that group and say.

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Jenea Gomez: Hey, this thing that we've been praying for, this person we've been praying for, you know.

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Jenea Gomez: here's... here's an update, yeah, that's... I know that that's encouraging to them, too, so definitely be happy to add anybody who... who would like to pray for us on that list.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That's great. All right, I'm going to share my screen.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Gan.

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Valerie E. Pavey: So that you can get Janea's, email address. So, if you wish, you can take a picture of this screen.

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Valerie E. Pavey: If you are in the Salvation Army, email system, you can find Janea in there, so Janea.gomez at salvationArmy.ca. So, if you have a question, if... if you want to engage the conversation further about how

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Valerie E. Pavey: You can pray, against human trafficking. If there's, some scripture that you'd like to talk through with Janea, a little more, I know that she is

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Valerie E. Pavey: She's happy, and she welcomes that engagement with her. But, you know, like all, we get busy, so give her a day or two to respond to you. All right?

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Valerie E. Pavey: So, that is our email addresses if you do have any questions. And just at the bottom, I've mentioned about the recording there for you. There are a few things that we want to tell you about while we have you with us on screen. January is Modern Sabor Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Our campaign this year is called Step Up.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And it's step up, be inspired, Be Informed, and be involved. And, Christine is going to drop links in the, chat for you.

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Valerie E. Pavey: But, the campaign is set for January, but these resources can be used anytime throughout the year. So, we encourage you, as well, to go and to check out our Step Up and Pray resources. They were put together last year for our theme.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And, they still, again, will partner well with what we've been learning today with Jenea, so I encourage you to go and check that out.

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Valerie E. Pavey: There are also, with the prayer resources, some scripture references, so they may as well be, beneficial to you to become prayers that you can,

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Valerie E. Pavey: share with God when you're praying over modern slavery and human trafficking.

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Valerie E. Pavey: The next thing I want to share is a new resource that we have put together for elementary-aged children. This resource was developed in partnership with the Salvation Army here in Canada and Bermuda, but also with the USA Western and Southern Territories. And through fun, age-appropriate lessons, students learn to identify

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Valerie E. Pavey: Key things. Safe and trusted adults, make smart choices online, express their emotions in healthy ways, set personal body boundaries, and understand how their words and actions can help them shine.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And so, it's a great 5-lesson resource,

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Valerie E. Pavey: I recommend you go and check it out, download it, and determine how you can use it where you are.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Next, we want to, you're invited to our next, SA Justice webinar, which is going to be held

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Valerie E. Pavey: On Thursday, February 19th, it's called Ethical Decision Making. Making our guest speaker is going to be Dr. Amy Patterson from the Salvation Army's Ethics Center.

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Valerie E. Pavey: And, you can register for that by visiting our webpage.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Next...

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Valerie E. Pavey: Just a reminder about our Introduction to Modern Saving Human Trafficking Certificate. Again, you can find information and links to register to take these, modules.

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Valerie E. Pavey: That are available for you to take anytime, anywhere, and they're free. So you set your own pace to do that. So the certificate is, of course, is there. And then, if you've done that, we encourage you to, register for some of the deep and wide

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Valerie E. Pavey: modules as well. Again, these are online, they're self-paced, they're free, and we just encourage you to dig a little deeper by... by taking some of these courses, by joining us for our next webinar.

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Valerie E. Pavey: All resources that we've mentioned can be found at [salvationist.ca slash trafficking](http://salvationist.ca/slash/trafficking).

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Valerie E. Pavey: Alright, I am going to stop sharing here, and I'm going to invite Christina To thank our guest.

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Valerie E. Pavey: To pray us out.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Christina, you're muted.

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Cristina Lee: Here you go.

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Cristina Lee: Janae, thank you so much for leading us today so thoughtfully into the heart of this greater, work.

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Cristina Lee: As we close, let us now turn our hearts back to God in

prayer.

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Cristina Lee: Oh, Heavenly Father, We thank you for this time together.

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Cristina Lee: For every heart that has listened, Learned.

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Cristina Lee: And been stirred to greater compassion and commitment.

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Cristina Lee: As we go for this place.

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Cristina Lee: Remind us that The struggle against modern slavery and human trafficking.

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Cristina Lee: It's not fought.

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Cristina Lee: By human strength alone.

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Cristina Lee: But with your spirit guiding us every step of the way.

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Cristina Lee: Help us to see prayer, not as the least we can do.

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Cristina Lee: But as the greater work through which your Power moves.

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Cristina Lee: And your justice flows into the darkest places of our world.

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Cristina Lee: Lord, For every vulnerable soul, bound in exploitation, Bring your light of freedom.

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Cristina Lee: healing.

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Cristina Lee: and hope.

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Cristina Lee: For those working tirelessly to protect, restore, and advocate, Blessed him with courage, Perseverance and wisdom.

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Cristina Lee: Ignite in us a faithful prayer that never ceases.

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Cristina Lee: And a compassionate action that reflects your love to all the people.

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Cristina Lee: In the name of Jesus, who calls us to stand for justice and walk in love.

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Cristina Lee: Amen.

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Cristina Lee: Thank you so much, everyone.

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Valerie E. Pavey: Thank you. Take care, everyone.