

## Theological Musings from Dave's Laptop

January 21, 2020

On Sunday, for MLK weekend, we took a sobering look at Isaiah 58 and the enormous needs in the world,<sup>1</sup> and I promised to give some good news and some suggestions for how to help in this week's *Laptop*.

While the needs are mind-boggling and heart-breaking, such as the fact that a child dies from hunger-related causes somewhere in the world EVERY FIVE MINUTES, there is a whole lot of Good News as well.



In his book *The Hole in Our Gospel*,<sup>2</sup> Richard Stearns, former head of *World Vision*, pointed out that

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And my good friend, Dr. Dwight Moody, reviewing the book, *Factfulness*,<sup>3</sup> pointed out that:

- While 193 countries practiced slavery in 1800, only 3 officially do today.
- Whereas 44% of children died before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1880, only 4% do today.
- Deaths from natural disasters have declined from 971,000 per year in 1940 to 72,000 today.
- During that same period, deaths from plane crashes have declined from 2,160 per billion passengers to 1 per billion.
- Since 1970, the percentage of people malnourished in the world has declined from 28% to 11%.

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<sup>1</sup> The sermon and Isaiah 58 are attached.

<sup>2</sup> Richard Stearns, *The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer that Changed My Life and just might Change the World* (Thomas Nelson, 2009, 2019).

<sup>3</sup> Hans Rosling, *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong about the World, and Why Things are Better than You Think* (Flatiron Books, 2018); reviewed at <http://www.themeetinghouse.net/just-the-facts/>.

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- We are living in one of the most peaceful times in modern history, with only one “battle death” per 100,000 people per year.
- In 1893, women could vote in only one country; today, the number is 193.
- The proportion of earth’s land surface protected as parks and reserves has increased from 0.03% in 1900 to 14.7% in 2016.
- Since 1980, Internet access has grown from 0% to 48%.
- Since 1980, the percentage of one-year-old children who have received at least one immunization has increased from 22% to 88%.
- Since 1995, the share of earth’s people with some access to electricity has increased from 72% to 85%; and persons with access to water from a protected source has increased from 58% to 88%.
- Since the year 2000, the proportion of world population living in extreme poverty has been cut in half.

I hope that by now you are experiencing some measure of encouragement . . . but there is MUCH more to do!

One of the rather shocking statistics we considered on Sunday is the fact that while we American Christians are only 5% of the Christians in the world, we control 50% of the “Christian resources” of the world—something like **five trillion dollars a year**.

The average American churchgoer contributes a little more than 2% of family income through their congregation, and the average Christian congregation send about 2% of its budget “overseas.” **That amounts to 0.0004% of our income for the needs of the world.**

At the same time, I’m happy to be able to tell you that our congregation gave a little more than 15% of our receipts to mission causes last year—which is *wonderful!*—and we gave at least 4% of that to overseas mission causes (specifics are attached). As we reminded ourselves on Sunday, the biblical standard for giving is a minimum of 10% of our income, ideally through our local congregation (and out of which that 15% [\$49,000] came).<sup>4</sup>

Beyond this, since nothing becomes actual until it becomes specific, here are a few ideas that have occurred to me, both for our lives individually and for our life together:

### **MISSION OAKLAND MILLS**

- It seems to me that the greatest single thing that a congregation could do to change the world in our time would be to invest in ministries that transform the lives of young people, especially African-American young men. We’re doing that, of course, and Pastor Andrew is leading the charge . . . but are YOU involved?
- We have regular ministries providing food for homeless neighbors through the “Route One” Leola Dorsey Center. If you’re available in the daytime, you might be able to help.
- Help End Homelessness Howard County (HEHHC) is hoping to purchase a fifth property for providing affordable housing in Columbia. You could donate to this project . . . and new Board Members are needed.

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<sup>4</sup> Jill and I have always tithed (given 10% of income) through our local church. For a number of years, we’ve given another 1% directly to overseas missions.

- CBF supports the Interfaith Coalition for Compassion, which assists with rent and utilities for folks in Columbia.
- CBF benevolent ministries provide financial assistance to CBFers who experience financial needs of various sorts.
- CBF feeds neighborhood youth and families each Wednesday evening at no charge (from our MISSION budget).
- If you have a vehicle, you could help your neighbors in Columbia through Neighbor Ride ([www.neighborride.org](http://www.neighborride.org)).
- If you cook, maybe you could do what Kevin Miller's mom did:

When I was in junior high and high school, we had a neighbor two doors down named Beard Miller. Since his wife had died, he had lived on his own. Then he developed a nasty case of painful shingles.

One day my mom was praying, and she heard the Lord say to her, "Feed the hungry." She thought, *How can I feed the hungry?* Then she realized, *I can make dinner and send it down the street for Beard.*

Every night, she would make an extra amount for dinner. Then about 6:00, when we were ready to sit down for dinner, she would put together a plate with Beard's dinner, a small bowl with salad, and a small plate with dessert.

She would load all that into a large cardboard box lid that functioned as a serving tray, and then cover it with foil or a dishtowel to keep it warm. Then she would look at me and say, "Would you carry this down to Beard?"

I would walk down the street, knock on his door, and wait while he hobbled over and opened it. Beard always got a big smile when he saw me, because he knew, *This is by far the best meal of my day.*

My mom did that every single night. Even when she was traveling, she figured out a way for him to get a meal. For three years, until Beard's health declined and he had to go to a nursing home, she obeyed what the Lord had asked, and she fed the hungry.

## **MISSION AMERICA**

- Our congregation is a significant supporter of the Fire & Light Community Church in Reisterstown, MD. Pastor Mark and Amy have a robust ministry to homeless folk in that neighborhood.
- CBF also supports the church planting ministry of Pastor Ron Larson. Our MISSION Team is exploring other ways in which we might participate in this ministry.
- Jill and I help to support the ministry of CRU (Campus Crusade) missionaries to a college campus in North Carolina, and you could offer similar support ([www.cru.org](http://www.cru.org)).
- MISSION EARTH
  - Jill and I give regularly to International Justice Ministries (IJM) which works to combat sex and labor trafficking around the world. You could give, too ([www.ijm.org](http://www.ijm.org)).
  - CBF regularly supports the work of Mark Wakefield in Huehuetenango, and CBF contributed \$10,000 to dig a well and provide a water system for David and Laurel Cheromei's orphanage in Kaptagat, Kenya. (Jill & I also help to support Mark and David & Laurel, plus another orphanage in Kiev, Ukraine.)

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- CBF has provided the funding for ten or eleven other wells in villages across Africa.

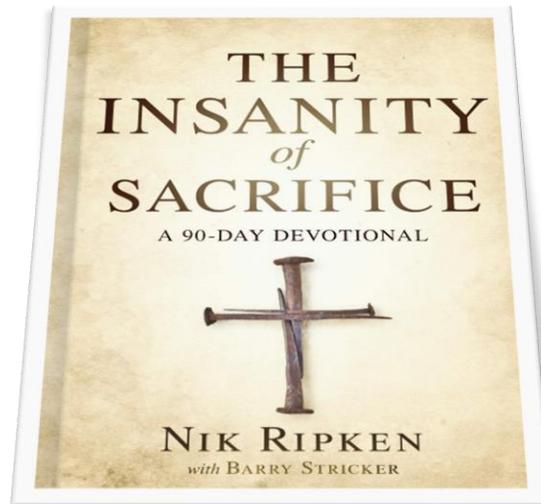
This is all Good News . . . but the needs are still HUGE (see the attached sermon).

What ELSE could YOU be doing?

*Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice **like a trumpet**. . . .  
if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,  
then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you always . . . you will be like a well-watered garden,  
like a spring whose waters never fail (Isaiah 58:1a, 10, 11b).*

Dave

P.S. If you'd like some challenging devotional reading for the Lenten Journey, I recommend this by my friend, Nik Ripken:



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# Like a Trumpet

- Leader:** <sup>1</sup> “Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.
- People:** <sup>3</sup> **‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’**
- Leader:** “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.
- People:** <sup>5</sup> **Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?**
- Leader:** <sup>6</sup> “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?
- People:** <sup>8</sup> **Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.**
- Leader:** “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, <sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.
- People:** <sup>11</sup> **The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.**
- Leader:** <sup>13</sup> “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, <sup>14</sup> then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.” For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
- Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God.
- People:** **Thanks be to God!**

# “LIKE a TRUMPET”

Isaiah 58 <sup>1</sup>

I’m told that there used to be a saying among frequent flyers that “if it’s not Boeing, I’m not going.” I doubt that folks are saying that at the moment, given all of Boeing’s troubles this year.

But as awful as the two crashes of the 737 MAX have been, try to imagine this headline: “One Hundred Jetliners Crash, Killing 26,500.” “Now imagine that the very next day, one hundred more planes crashed—and one hundred more the next, and the next, and the next. It is unimaginable that something this terrible could ever happen. But it did—and it does. It happened today and it happened yesterday. It will happen again tomorrow.

“But there was no media coverage. No heads of state, parliaments, or congresses stopped what they were doing to address the crisis, and no investigations were launched. Yet more than **26,500 children died yesterday** of preventable causes related to their poverty, and it will happen again today and tomorrow and the day after that. Almost **10 million** children will be dead in the course of a year.”<sup>2</sup>

Try to imagine waking up to a day in which there is no food in your house. There is no store at which to buy food, and you don’t have any money, anyway. Not only are you hungry, very hungry, but your children—four under the age of seven—are very hungry, too.

You’re going to have to spend your day looking for food in other people’s garbage, and even if you find some, there will be no water to drink. There’s no water for drinking, no water for cooking, no water for bathing. The nearest water of any sort is a mile away, and it is disease-ridden, though you don’t know that.

When malnourishment and dehydration cause your children to become ill, there is no doctor to call and no medicine to give. Even such a simple thing as a childhood earache can easily become a death sentence; and while daylight brings hunger and pollution, darkness brings mosquitos and malaria. How’s the imagining going?

“Think about your own life,” challenges Richard Stearns, former president of *World Vision*. “How successful would you or your family have been if you had lived in a place where there was no clean water and one-quarter of all children died before their fifth birthday? Imagine growing up constantly weak and malnourished, to the point where both your body and your mind become stunted.

“What if there had been no health care system . . . . What if you had lived where you couldn’t go to school because you had to fetch water six hours a day—or where there was no school? Or worse, think about what might have happened to you if rebel armies had sacked your community, killed your parents, and driven you hundreds of miles from your home to live in a refugee camp.

“These are the daily realities of the world’s poor. No matter how hard they work, no matter how gifted and talented they are, no matter how big their dreams, the poor have few choices and even fewer opportunities to fulfill their God-given potential. These precious human beings created in God’s image have been left behind and cast on the garbage dump of history by circumstances they cannot change.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A sermon by Dr. David C. Stancil, delivered at the Columbia Baptist Fellowship in Columbia, MD on January 19, 2020. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

<sup>2</sup> Stearns, pp. 106-107.

<sup>3</sup> Stearns, p. 120.

It's estimated that around our world, a child dies **every five seconds** from hunger-related causes, and a child dies from malaria **every thirty seconds**.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, *National Geographic* recently reported that "Some scientists believe that **one out of every two people who have ever lived have died of malaria**."<sup>5</sup>

Women and children in developing countries invest two hundred million hours a day fetching *polluted* water, and it's estimated that as many as one-half of the world's hospital beds are occupied by people with a water-related illness.<sup>6</sup> One woman dies every minute from complications of childbirth, and AIDS has left fifteen *million* orphans in sub-Saharan Africa.<sup>7</sup>

In considering these realities, Mr. Stearns calculated that "the wealthiest countries, where just one-fifth of the world's population lives, spend 90 percent of the world's health care dollars, allowing the remaining four-fifths of the planet to spend only 10 percent of the money. In the United States, we spend about \$3,170 per person on health care each year. In much of Africa and Southeast Asia, the comparable figure is \$36, an eighty-eight-fold difference."<sup>8</sup>

When Jimmy Carter accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, he pointed out that "the most serious and universal problem that the world faces is the growing chasm between the richest and poorest people on earth. Citizens of the ten wealthiest countries are now seventy-five times richer than those who live in the ten poorest ones, and the separation is increasing every year, not only between nations but also within them."<sup>9</sup>

In 1985, Steve Reynolds was working for *World Vision* in Ethiopia during the worst famine of a generation. Steve spent many dreary days in the relief camps as an eyewitness to the horrors of massive starvation and death, gathering information that he hoped would provoke people to notice and respond.

One day he got a call from headquarters asking if he would host a young European couple, Ali and Paul Hewson, who wanted to visit and learn firsthand what was happening. Steve was willing to help, and Ali and Paul stayed almost a month, rolling up their sleeves to help and showing tireless compassion.

Paul was a musician, so he entertained the kids by writing little songs. Paul and Ali finally went home, but not before they had committed to do whatever they could to help. You may know Paul better by his nickname, Bono.

Since that trip in 1985, Bono, the lead singer of the phenomenal Irish rock group U2, has traveled the globe as an advocate for the poorest of the poor. He has met with kings and queens, presidents, prime ministers, and the Pope. He has lobbied members of parliaments and congresses. He has persuaded governments to appropriate billions of dollars of aid to the poor.

In a later interview with *Christianity Today*, Bono specifically mentioned the key influence of Steve Reynolds: "All of this started for me in Ethiopia in the mid-'80s, when my darling wife and I went out there as children, really, to see and to work in Africa."

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<sup>4</sup> Stearns, pp. 135, 144.

<sup>5</sup> Michael Finkel, "Stopping a Global Killer," *National Geographic*, July 2007; cited in Stearns, p. 143. Malaria was eradicated in the United States in 1950.

<sup>6</sup> Stearns, p. 138.

<sup>7</sup> Stearns, pp. 148, 156.

<sup>8</sup> Stearns, p. 141. In 2019 the Democratic Republic of the Congo spent less than \$5 per person.

<sup>9</sup> [www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/documents/jec/nobel.phtml](http://www.jimmycarterlibrary.gov/documents/jec/nobel.phtml), cited in Stearns, p. 98. In 1820, the wealth ratio between the richest and the poorest nations was 4:1. In 1913, the ratio was 11:1. In 1950, it was 35:1; and in 2002, it was 75:1 (Stearns, p. 122).

Thirty-four years later, Steve Reynolds still works for World Vision, working behind the scenes on behalf of the world's poorest people. We don't always get to see how God uses what we do, but Steve Reynolds has had that blessing.<sup>10</sup>

Speaking about poverty, Bono said, "Fifteen thousand Africans are dying each day of preventable, treatable diseases—AIDS, malaria, TB—for lack of drugs that we take for granted. This statistic alone makes a fool of the idea many of us hold onto very tightly: the idea of equality.

"What is happening to Africa mocks our pieties, doubts our concern and questions our commitment to the whole concept. Because if we're honest, there's no way we could conclude that such mass death day after day would ever be allowed to happen anywhere else. Certainly not in North America or Europe, or Japan. An entire continent bursting into flames? Deep down, if we really accept that their lives—African lives—are equal to ours, we would all be doing more to put the fire out. It's an uncomfortable truth."

Bono continued, "We can be the generation that no longer accepts that an accident of latitude determines whether a child lives or dies—but *will* we be that generation? Will we in the West realize our potential or will we sleep in the comfort of our affluence with apathy and indifference murmuring softly in our ears?

"Fifteen thousand people dying needlessly every day from AIDS, TB, and malaria. Mothers, fathers, teachers, farmers, nurses, mechanics, children. This is Africa's crisis. That it's not on the nightly news, that we do not treat this as an emergency—that's *our* crisis. . . .

"History will be our judge, but what will be written is up to us. We can't say our generation didn't know how to do it. We can't say our generation couldn't afford it. And we can't say our generation didn't have reason to do it. *It's up to us.*"<sup>11</sup>

Before he left for service as a missionary surgeon in Kenya, my friend, Dr. Tom Boeve, gave me a book by Richard Stearns, then president of *World Vision*. The book's title is *The Hole in Our Gospel*.

As we all know, a "hole" is a hollowed-out place in something solid. Something has to be removed from something else in order to form a hole. Mr. Stearns's premise is that there is a "hole" in our "whole"; that we in the Western Church "have shrunk Jesus to the size where He can save our souls but we don't believe He can change the world."<sup>12</sup> I'm afraid we American Christians have settled into an uncomfortable affluence tinged with both guilt and despair. We no longer try very hard to make a real difference in the world.

Mr. Stearns points out that "It is not our fault that people are poor, but it *is* our responsibility to do something about it. God says that we are guilty if we allow people to remain deprived when we have the means to help them. It is our moral duty to help our neighbors in need. . . . Every one of these hurting people is created in God's image and loved by Him. Every one of these challenges has a solution. *Every one of us can make a difference.*"<sup>13</sup>

There are about 340,000 Christian churches in the United States and about 155 million regular churchgoers. According to Mr. Stearns, the total income of American churchgoers is \$5.2

<sup>10</sup> Condensed from Richard Stearns, *Unfinished* (Thomas Nelson, 2013), pp. 152-154.

<sup>11</sup> Bono, foreword to Jeffrey Sachs, *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Times* (New York: Penguin Press, 2005); cited in Stearns, pp. 104-105.

<sup>12</sup> Stearns, p. 23.

<sup>13</sup> Stearns, pp. 123, 151.

*trillion*. That's more than **five thousand billion dollars**.<sup>14</sup> Think of the possibilities! Ponder the potential to change the world if all of us raised our commitment to love our neighbors to a higher level.<sup>15</sup>

The average giving of American church members in 2018 was a paltry 2.50 percent of their income. But this is just the first part of a sad equation. Of the money that American churches receive, only about 2 percent goes to overseas missions of any kind, whether evangelistic or assistance to the poor. The bottom line is that we, the wealthiest Christians in all history, are contributing only about 2 percent of 2 percent—about five ten-thousandths of our income—to meet the needs of those beyond our shores. What might God do if we actually did “*bring the whole tithe into the storehouse*” (Malachi 3:10)? What might God do?!<sup>16</sup>

Well, in spite of these statistics, there's actually quite a bit of good news here. For one thing, we've gained a lot of ground on these basic issues in our own lifetimes.<sup>17</sup> For another, there is no lack of funding. We American Christians, who make up about five percent of the global Church, control about half of the global Christian wealth. We have no lack of resources, and God invites us to experience the wonderful, amazing, life-changing privilege of being the channels through which God will transform the world.

Do you worry about the growing threat of terrorism around our world? Would you like to know how to be victorious over it? Well, try to imagine a world in which the Gospel has no gaping hole in it, a world in which the poor are helped by the rich, the powerful protect the powerless, the hated are loved, the brokenhearted are comforted, the oppressed are liberated, and the downtrodden are lifted up.

Try to imagine how stunning it would be for American Christians to give so generously that we brought an end to world hunger; solved the clean water crisis; provided universal access to drugs and medical care for the millions suffering from AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis; ended the daily deaths of more than twenty-six thousand children; provided education for all the world's children; and provided a safety net for the world's tens of millions of orphans?<sup>18</sup> The Bible tells us, “*Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good*” (Romans 12:21). Can you imagine that?

Can you imagine the questions that would follow such transformation? ***Who are these people so motivated by love? Where did they come from? Why do they sacrifice so to help those the rest of the world has forgotten? Where do they find their strength? Who is this God they serve? Can we serve Him too?***<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>14</sup> Stearns, p. 216.

<sup>15</sup> Stearns, p. 237.

<sup>16</sup> Stearns, p. 217. Sadly, as our incomes have increased, our giving has significantly declined. In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, giving averaged 3.3 percent, 27 percent more than we gave in 2018.

<sup>17</sup> For example:

- The life expectancy in developing nations increased from 46 years in 1960 to 66.1 in 2005.
- The under-five child mortality rate has been cut in half since 1970.
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<sup>18</sup> Stearns, p. 219.

<sup>19</sup> Stearns, pp. 278-279.

A world such as this is what God has had in mind from the very moment of creation, and God has shaped and prepared us for a unique role in this Plan. “What do you see when you look at the pain and suffering in the world?” Mr. Stearns asked. “Do you see a malnourished child—or a future farmer? Do you see a child without schooling—or a potential teacher? Do you see a frightened child in a refugee camp—or a prospective leader?”<sup>20</sup> The light of even one candle challenges the gloom, but the light of all of us together could *obliterate* it. We are the answer to their prayers. **We are the revolution.**

Now it takes transformed people to transform the world. You and I have either placed our lives in God’s service without reserve, holding nothing back, or we have not. Jesus calls us to a faith commitment in which “nothing is held back, no price is too high to pay, the farm is bet, and the deed is signed over. If Jesus is [really] Lord, then nothing He asked us to do is optional.”<sup>21</sup>

So what part are you supposed to play? What shape is your piece of the Plan? It really is true that God intends for you to use your uniqueness and the resources He has placed in your stewardship to help the Kingdom come. As President Carter memorably put it, quoting John Wesley, “My faith demands—this is not optional—my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference.”<sup>22</sup>

The apostle John wrote that “*If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth*” (1 John 3:17-18).

In the end, God is calling you to do that which He created only you to do. Can you hear Him calling? I can.<sup>23</sup>

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Amen, and Amen.

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<sup>20</sup> Stearns, pp. 275-277.

<sup>21</sup> Stearns, p. 83.

<sup>22</sup> Stearns, p. 263. I think this quote originally came from John Wesley.

<sup>23</sup> Stearns, p. 279.