



# agents of change

ISAIAH 10:1-2 | ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

## BIBLICAL AGENTS OF CHANGE

God calls individuals and communities to be agents of change—living as light and salt, challenging injustice, and embodying the values of the Kingdom. Examples like Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, and the Early Church (sharing resources) remind us that personal transformation through prayer, faithfulness, and serving others can lead to lasting change in society.

## GOD'S HEART FOR THE VULNERABLE

The passage from Isaiah shows that God strongly identifies with the poor, the marginalized, showing that injustice against them is an affront to Him. We are called to go beyond charity to address the economic and political structures and policies that make for poverty in our world. It is our duty to challenge the choices of those who are wealthy and powerful (starting with ourselves!) that result in so many living lives of quiet desperation.

## REFLECTION & ACTION

As we reflect, may we pray for courage to speak truth, serve the vulnerable, and allow God's Spirit to renew us day by day, so our lives shine His justice and compassion in the world.

**Self-Examination:** Am I (or are our leaders/systems) creating structures that disadvantage the poor or favor the powerful? Do my actions, even legal ones, bring justice or add to oppression?

**Action for the Needy:** How can I, like Jesus, be a voice for the voiceless and an advocate for the marginalized, supporting these individuals, and standing against unfairness in my community?

## PRAYER

*Almighty God, forgive us for the unrighteous decrees we enact and the injustices we perpetuate. Give us courage to stand with the oppressed, to be your hands and feet, and to legislate and live with compassion, honoring You by protecting the most vulnerable among us. **Amen.***