

DAY 6

**CALL TO
ACTION**

A MESSAGE FROM STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN

Hey, I'm Steven Curtis Chapman, and I'm a firm believer that students can change the world. You read my daughter Emily's story at the start of this week, so I've seen with my own eyes the difference a student can make. Emily's challenge to my wife and me began a faith journey that led us to adopt our three daughters and, ultimately, led us to found Show Hope.

We believe when we give students an opportunity to help care for vulnerable children in the world, here or abroad, they can bring about change of epic proportions. We often say things like, "Students are the next generation of orphan care leaders, adoptive parents, orphan care providers, and activists!" And that's true ... but I'm convinced students, if they become passionate about it, can be today's orphan care leaders and agents of significant change. That's why we have provided an opportunity for students, like you, to take a stand and make a difference in the lives of waiting children.

Join us in caring for orphans by launching a movement in your community. Together, we can accomplish more than you can imagine ... right now, right where you are.

Are you ready? Let's do this!

— Steven Curtis Chapman

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

It's easy to be passive. We can watch life go by through screens in front of our eyes—posting photos, sharing opinions, and binge-watching our favorite streaming services without ever really engaging. But as Christians, we are called to a life of action. Isaiah 1:17 says, " ... learn to do good; seek justice; correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause."

Notice the action words that start off each sentence in Isaiah 1:17:

- **LEARN**
- **SEEK**
- **CORRECT**
- **BRING**
- **PLEAD**

God invites us to act. We are called to pursue justice, inspired by the work of Christ and empowered by his love.

Now that you have learned a bit about the needs of waiting children, orphan care, and adoption, you have been invited to join the good fight. The Bible tells us in James 2:17, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." As we step out in faith, we are reflecting God's heart to a waiting and watching world. By God's grace, anyone can play a part in showing the world what his love looks like.

PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

Lord, help me to follow your example to care for the vulnerable among us. Open my eyes to see the needs of those around me; give me strength and courage to take action; and give me a heart to passionately chase after you. When the journey seems too difficult, give me grace and perseverance to follow you with all that I am. Thank you for your love. Amen.

ACTIVE REFLECTION

Set five attainable goals for ways you can care for waiting children in your community and around the world.

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