

## MESSAGE NOTES

SERIES: "IF" – WEEK 8

MESSAGE: "HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR"

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PROVERBS 3:28

*"If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'" PROV 3:28*

### THREE BITE-SIZED PIECES

#### 1. "If you can..."

- Recognizes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as biblical values
- Helping others is an \_\_\_\_\_ for people of faith
- Delaying help would have been seen as a breach of social and moral \_\_\_\_\_
- Reflects the biblical principle of \_\_\_\_\_ - we are accountable for how we manage all the resources God has entrusted to us
- We are to offer \_\_\_\_\_ help to those around us
- As believers we \_\_\_\_\_ God's generosity
- *"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."* PHIL 4:19
- *"God loves a person who gives cheerfully."* 2 COR 9:7

#### 2. "...help your neighbor..."

- Is a call to be \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_ in helping others
- We don't \_\_\_\_\_ for opportunities to help others; we \_\_\_\_\_ for them
- Is a call to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- Encompasses a broader \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ obligation.
- In the Bible, neighbor includes \_\_\_\_\_ we interact with
- *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord."* LEV 19:18
- *"A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" MAT 22:39*
- *"Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law."* ROM 13:8

#### 3. "...now, don't say, 'Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.'"

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Doing good should not be \_\_\_\_\_
- We should act \_\_\_\_\_ when we can
- We should refrain from \_\_\_\_\_
- *"Look here, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit. How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.'" JAS 4:13-14*

### BELIEVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO...

1. Extend \_\_\_\_\_ sooner than later
2. Trust in God's \_\_\_\_\_
3. Work toward community \_\_\_\_\_
4. Reflect Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ toward our neighbor