



## FIGHT FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

**Women fight for what they believe in.  
They rebel against injustice.**



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I think it starts in primary school. We are concerned about who is being nice to whom? Who is sticking up for their friends? Who is standing for the little child who nobody likes? We have an innate sense in us as women to rescue the marginalised and help the world be a better place. Some of us 'grow out of that' [not so good], some of us depend on always being needed [not so good either] while others of us genuinely feel that desire to make a difference in a world that is not fair and where injustice is seen every day on varying levels.

This year, we are called to be Christ's hands and feet - not just to think nice things, or say nice things, but to act! ...Yes, to get involved. In a few weeks time I am heading over to India to visit women in Kolkata [Calcutta] who are part of Freetset [<http://freetsetglobal.com>] and have been rescued from a life trapped in prostitution. They have had to do this to support their families, but now have been given a second chance. These women have had to fight every day to just survive. They have embraced freedom and are working towards building a new life based on dignity and faith. I know I am going to be challenged at the very core of who I am...and I am looking for that!

I have rising within me a pressing desire to make a difference every day in the lives of others. Not to live for myself and my wants, but to embrace freedom and justice for those in my neighbourhood, my city and around the world. Rising in women I sense a desire to fight for what we believe in. Not just to live lives of indulgence, but lives that make a difference and count towards something greater than ourselves. The days are short and the times are increasingly pressing. We need to continue to rise, stand and march forward as an army changing our world!

***"And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."*** [Micah 6:8]

Let's embark on a quest for justice. Let's love all mankind from a heart of mercy and compassion and let's humbly walk the path God calls us to.

With love in Him

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### Prayer for Today

Lord, let me not turn away when my eyes see injustice.

Let me not be so consumed by the comfort of my own world that I fail to see the harshness of someone else's.

Let me not indulge my own excessive desires above the basic needs of others.

I desire to be your hands and your feet to a world crying out for you.

You created me for so much...release me to embrace all of that

I pray.  
Amen



Women have energy that amazes men.  
 They meet difficulties and manage serious problems while remaining cheerful, loving and joyous.  
 They smile when they want to cry out, sing when they want to shed tears, cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.  
 They battle for what they believe in.  
 They rebel against injustice.  
 They do not accept "no" for an answer when they think there is a better solution.  
 They deny themselves to keep the family sustained.  
 They go to the doctor with an anxious friend.  
 They love unconditionally.  
 They cry when their children achieve success and they rejoice at the good fortune of their friends.  
 They are happy when they hear talk of a birth or marriage.  
 Their hearts are bruised when a friend dies.  
 They suffer from the loss of a dear person.  
 They are strong when they think they have no more energy.  
 They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a wounded heart.  
 There is no doubt that a woman has a defect...  
**It is that she forgets what she is worth.**

## Help Needed!

### *Manna*



Did you know we have just over 11,600 people in Perth who are homeless? This means they either live on the streets permanently, move frequently from one shelter to another or live in boarding houses on a medium to long term basis. Most of these people have little or no money to buy food and rely on those who God leads to help them.



Every Monday Karen leads a team who cook from 12-4.30pm and then head down to Weld Square in Northbridge at 5pm to give dinner to 120+ people. The team spends time handing out food, chatting to people and interacting...for some, the only time in their day when someone smiles and asks how they are doing.

**We are in need of help.** We need more volunteers. If you have half a day free weekly or fortnightly, please reply to this email and let us know. We need people to commit to helping in this ministry and making a difference in the lives of people in our city. It is tiring, draining and demanding...but it is also fulfilling and rewarding.

*Matthew 25:37-40 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 'The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

Do you have a story that you would like to share?

We would love to hear from you!

Your testimony could be an inspiration or encouragement to others.

Just write your story in 250 words or less and email it to us to share in future editions of Connect.



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