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If you do not want to experience all four seasons of weather that Indiana has to offer, you will appreciate the outer walls of your home. We want to be safe from harm. Certain walls provide safety. So, we know that there are some good walls to have up. But as we look at our society and how things have increased, things like; racial tension, human trafficking, discrimination, ageism, gun violence, homelessness, food insecurity, child abuse and neglect, and elderly neglect. That is only ten injustices we face every day. And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

"Don't change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let God change you inside with a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what God wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect." -Romans 12:2 (ERV)



American Baptist Women's Ministries has focused on human trafficking since at least the 1980s. And it is still a massive problem in this country and across the world.

We have children going to school hungry. We have families that do not have food to eat on the weekends unless their extended family, church family, or an organization (Backpack Blessings, Backpack Buddies, etc.) provides for them. Judging is not what we are called to do. Helping the needy, loving your neighbor as yourself, taking care of God's children are what we are called to do. Homelessness is a problem worldwide. How do we house everyone, feed everyone, and take care of everyone no matter their skin color, economic status, gender, or age?

We have work to do to meet these needs. Sounds overwhelming, doesn't it? Well, you are a child of God, but not His only child. So gather with your sisters and brothers in Christ to take one concern at a time. Work with local agencies that are Christ-centered to stay focused on what Christ calls us to do.

We need to be open and listen to what others have to say. But, keep in mind what Christ tells us to do. We are to follow Christ and Christ's example. We are to be more like Christ and share His love with others. Again, I say to you not everyone is right. Not everyone is wrong. This is where our Christian faith and values come into play for us and others. Let's put our faith into action! We do not have to go along with the flow, especially if it is against what Christ has taught us.