WANTED: COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS

WITH UNCONDITIONAL LOVE . . . LIKE JESUS

“Jesus? you might say. What does he have to do with anything?

Jesus was the historical figure who worked two thousand years ago to change the injustices that existed at the time by what he did and what he said. Those were great injustices.

But when we look at the injustices of today we’ll see that the world is probably worse off than it was during the time Jesus lived on Earth. I believe it must be much worse off.

What did this man Jesus do to bring justice to his world? Could we change things too by following the example he left for us? I believe that If there is to be any hope for our world today, we will seriously need to do that.

Will you have the courage this will take?

Words from *When confronted with injustice, what would Jesus do?* an article by Tony Magliano (Fer 28, 2018)

*As countless fellow human beings suffer terribly in a myriad of ways, and much of our planet groans from gaping human induced wounds, our government, other governments, and many well-off people, seem to hardly care. It is what Pope Francis calls a "globalization of indifference."*

*Urgently needed is a creative new paradigm — a fresh life-giving, life protecting, life enhancing model to guide us out the selfish, violent, sinful darkness of religious intolerance, nationalism, isolationism, materialism, consumerism, racism, secularism and militarism.*

*But we don't need to keep stumbling around in the darkness trying to find our way out of all this muck. Instead, the new paradigm we desperately need to fully embrace is the ever-fresh ancient Gospel of Jesus. For in the Gospel we encounter the living Christ and his ever relevant teachings of compassionate, just, peaceful, nonviolent, merciful, unconditional love for all.*

*An honest, open-hearted, open-minded prayerful reflection on Jesus' words and actions will give us sure guidance on how to morally respond to the life and death issues facing our nation and world. And as we do this, we should ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"*

*What would Jesus — who said "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword" — do regarding our fascination for making, possessing, buying, selling, and using high tech weapons?*

### How will you follow Jesus? Are you willing to let go of the self-centered life you might be living and hear the call of God? Are you willing to surrender to what he calls you to? You might be surprised at what God will call you to do and what he will help you do.

### Do you have the courage it will take?

### God can fill us with the courage we need to right the wrongs in our world. Are you ready to follow him? To *really* follow him?

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