

Today's Message: "A Response to a Refugee Crisis "

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 - *If you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, ⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. (Jeremiah 7:6-7)*
2. We are to be a **Joinable** people.
 - *If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Pass-over to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. (Exodus 12:48)*
 - *For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob and will again choose Israel, and will set them in their own land, and sojourners will join them and will attach themselves to the house of Jacob. (Isaiah 14:1)*

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- *For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you, a statute forever throughout your generations. You and the sojourner shall be alike before the LORD. ¹⁶One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you.” (Numbers 15:15-16)*

4. We are to lead with **Love** and **Care**.

- *But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. (Deuteronomy 5:14)*
- *When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not strip it afterward. It shall be for the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow. (Deuteronomy 24:21)*
- *And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you. (Deuteronomy 26:11)*

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What does scripture reveal as to the responsibility of the refugee? In order to join, to be treated as equals, and to be loved and cared for what must they do? There is little to no reference to the *responsibilities* of the sojourner. All of the responsibility falls on the follower of God.

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