



“Open your mouth for the dumb – those unable to speak for themselves – for the rights of all who are left desolate and defenseless.” Proverbs 31:8

Most surely this verse has spoken to hearts of men and women for centuries. It has inevitably called to generation after generation and asked them to speak out for the poor, the slave, the children working and dying in factories, the rights of the oppressed, the rights of women, the rights of unborn babies and many others that time and history have forgotten.

For whom is this verse crying out to today? Could it be this ancient verse is calling to you today? Could it be crying out that you speak up for the unborn who are being slaughtered in their own mother’s wombs!?! Could it be calling you to cry out for those thousands of Christian martyrs dying this moment for their faith in Jesus? Could this verse be asking you to speak out and speak up for that neighbor or co-worker or fellow student who is always the brunt of everyone else’s jokes or ridicule?

It may never be easy to stand up for the defenseless – but it is the right thing to do! It is His heart beating in yours that first called your attention to their plight. It is Jesus extending His voice in yours that is heard for their sake.

“Give me courage Lord, and wisdom, to act in Your name! I can see that being a reactionary is not what You are calling me to be, but rather You are calling me to act redemptively in Your stead. Help me to call attention to Your love and justice with my words and attitudes and actions! Father, as I open my mouth, please fill it. In Jesus’ name!”

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