



FAITH AND POWER:
**The role Christians play in public
policy**

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What is God calling you to?

- God calls people to all kinds of roles in advancing his kingdom
- Do you feel called to address social justice?
- Do you feel called to advance the public good through politics or law?

Environment



Every day about

160 women &
girls are
trafficked

in India against
their will.

India Partners



Child
labor



Don't wait for the world to change!

What needs to change?

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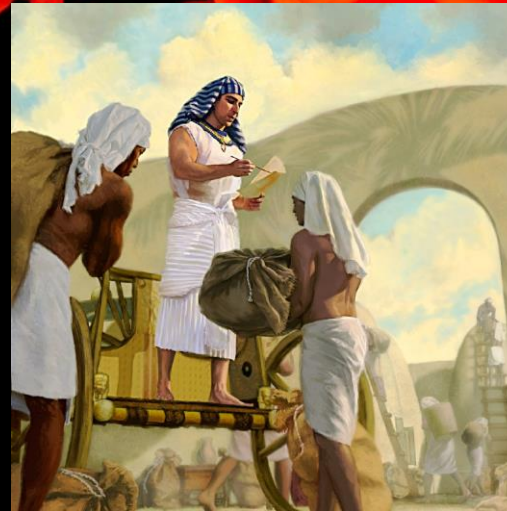
Biblical role models

1. Direct engagement:

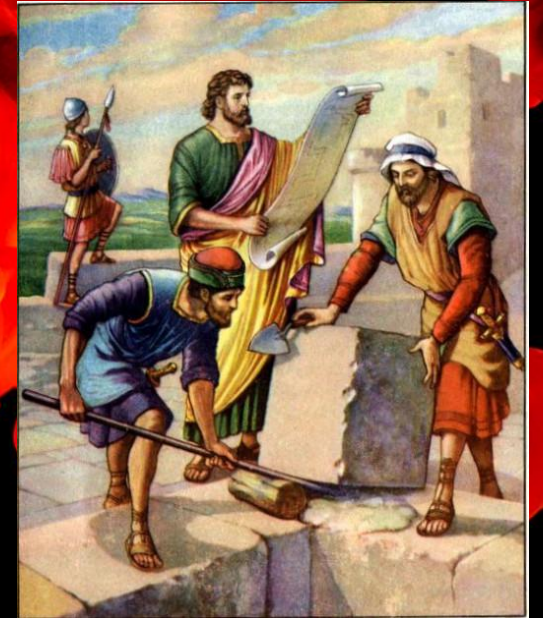
*being a politician, a staffer
or a bureaucrat*



King David



Joseph



Nehemiah

Biblical role models

2. Prophetic:

*calling to denounce
injustice in God's name*



Jeremiah



Jonah

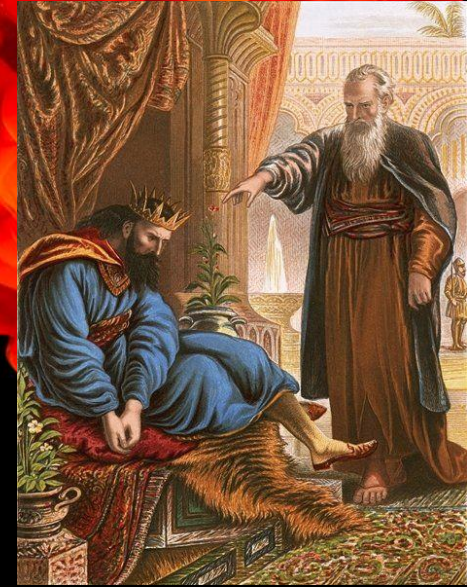
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3. Constructive engagement:

- *contact politicians*
- *try to get issue on agenda*
- *appear before committee*



Queen Esther



Prophet Nathan

Modern role models

William Wilberforce

- 1759-1833
- *British politician*
- *Leader of the movement to stop the slave trade from 1787 – 1807 when law passed – Slave Trade Act of 1807*
- *Evangelical Christian*





Elements of modern campaigns for change

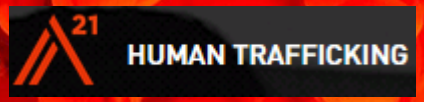
- Politician(s)
- Grassroots movement to influence politicians
- Legal cases (challenges)
- Boycotts
- Petitions
- Celebrity endorsements
- Media (books, videos, songs)



What about today?

UK Modern Slavery Act (2015)

- Anti-slavery Commissioner
- Criminal offences of slavery and human trafficking
- Transparency in supply chains
- Prostitution offences
- Tied visa offences





 The **Voice** of the **Martyrs**

What about today?

Supreme Court in Pakistan overturned conviction of Asia Bibi for blasphemy


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What will you do with these tools?

- Pray
- God may call you to take action
- God may call you to law or politics as a vocation
- God may call you to be an advocate
- Remember the tools you need

Pray first



Then open toolbox



Q&A



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