

Many people are reeling in disbelief of the violence that has erupted in our country, and now culminating these last few weeks: a young Ukrainian woman stabbed to death on a transit by a man released 14 times from previous felonies and mental instability; a young person going to a high school in Colorado and shooting 2 students then themselves; a political conservative Christian man assassinated while speaking at a rally in Utah – sharing his beliefs and opinions and giving others that same opportunity; a 13 year old in Washington caught with an arsenal of weapons ready for a mass shooting; and the list goes on. What has happened to our world? People are asking ‘Where is God?’

Folks, our world has been this way since ‘the fall’ in the Garden of Eden. We have abused the free will God gave us as a gift. These were all choices made by individuals – not directed by God.

My emotions have been from one extreme to the other recently: anger, disbelief, sadness. My heart is breaking. We, as Christians, must be the example of love and kindness to everyone as we are commanded to do by Scripture. Yes, it’s hard in our world today but that is our job as followers of Christ. We may not feel that we can do anything but we certainly can pray. Pray for God to intervene, pray for God to use us in bringing a calm and peace to this hurting and violent world. Pray for those who struggle with mental illness, pray for our leaders of this country, pray for everyone who is touched by violence and hatred. Praying? Yes, we can do that!

There is so much good in this world we DON’T see. Unfortunately, technology and media don’t emphasize those events. But we can be that ‘good’! Go to God – ask Him what you can do to be a part of the solution. Ask God what you can do to help bring peace to a violent, hurting and struggling world. Will you do that?

Yours in Christ,
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