

*Justice Awakening: How You and Your Church Can Help End Human Trafficking*  
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## True faith always involves risk.

The church has gotten too used to not taking risks. For far too long we've let governments and NGOs do what God has called the church to do. We are letting others take the role of the church in our communities and forgetting that Jesus was the Great Abolitionist. In fact, we're letting the world take over our identity!

God calls the church to care for orphans, but we have left that to the agencies.

God calls us to feed the poor, but we have left that for our governments to take care of.

God calls us to defend the rights of the oppressed and to care for the vulnerable, but we have left that to the NGOs.

No, that is *our* job. It is what Jesus commanded.

Looking back, it is strange that I never once had to wonder if our church was supposed to be engaged in the fight to free those enslaved in our world today. I never thought, "Does the church belong here?" It was a natural overflow of seeing what was happening, praying and responding in obedience.

But that's an important question to ask: Does the church belong here? Does the church belong in this fight for the freedom of those enslaved by human traffickers? Are we in the right place? The answer is an emphatic *yes!*

And here's why.

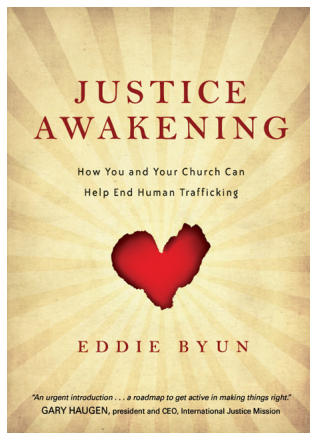
### **This is the mission of God.**

In this fight against the great evil of human trafficking in our day, it is my firm conviction that the church must not just be involved, but it must lead the way in the pursuit of freedom and justice. Why do I say this? Because true freedom and justice can only come through the gospel of Jesus Christ. Freedom and justice is why Jesus Christ came to this earth. He came to bring forth ultimate freedom from sin and to establish ultimate justice through his death upon the cross.

*-Taken from chapter four, "Why the Church Must Lead"*



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*“In *Justice Awakening*, Pastor Eddie Byun provides an urgent introduction to one of the most brutal forms of violent injustice in our world today: human trafficking. But Pastor Eddie doesn’t just share what’s wrong with the world — he provides a roadmap to get active in making things right. His great passion for the church and for the most vulnerable people in our world fills each page.”*

—**Gary Haugen**, president and CEO of International Justice Mission

*“If you need a biblically sound, well-researched and balanced treatment of the growing justice movement, this is it! Pastor Eddie Byun captures the issues clearly, refuses to compromise on the gospel, and provides practical and wise words of implementation to turn good intentions into life-changing impact. I ministered personally with Pastor Eddie in Korea and am honored and thrilled to recommend him and this excellent work to you.”*

—**Chip Ingram**, senior pastor of Venture Christian Church and teaching pastor/CEO of Living on the Edge Ministries

*“*Justice Awakening* is a wake-up call for the church to rise up and take her rightful place on the frontlines in the fight for freedom and justice for the oppressed. This book beats with the passionate heart of God and gives practical ways for us to be the hands of God to those who are enslaved. We need more books like this to equip and inspire the church. May the church respond with courageous obedience and lead the fight to end human trafficking and modern-day slavery.”*

—**Mike Bickle**, director of the International House of Prayer of Kansas City

*“Pastor Eddie Byun couldn’t be any clearer in his message to the church. The church needs to be relevant and a key to their relevance is to be leaders in the fight against modern-day slavery. That’s loving your neighbor as yourself and that is the heart of Jesus!”*

—**Jeremy Affeldt**, pitcher for the San Francisco Giants and author of *To Stir A Movement*





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**Eddie Byun** (DMin, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) is lead pastor at Onnuri Community Church in Seoul, South Korea. He fights against modern-day slavery through H.O.P.E. Be Restored, an extension of Onnuri's English Ministry.

“So often when faced with the overwhelming evil of human trafficking we feel helpless and wonder what we can do. Pastor Eddie provides not only a striking biblical demand for action but also the tools by which we can take those first steps and through which the lives of both the reader and the oppressed can be transformed. The embers of justice smolder quietly within the church. They are largely domesticated and frequently lack expression. This book is gasoline!”

– **Brian McConaghy**, founder and director, Ratanak International

“Fighting human trafficking is one of the greatest challenges of our generation. But where should churches start if they want to make a difference? Pastor Eddie Byun lays out not only the biblical mandate of bringing justice to the oppressed, but he also describes both spiritual and practical ways that a church can help. *Justice Awakening* is an essential resource for any church leader who wants to bring hope and justice to those ensnared in human trafficking.”

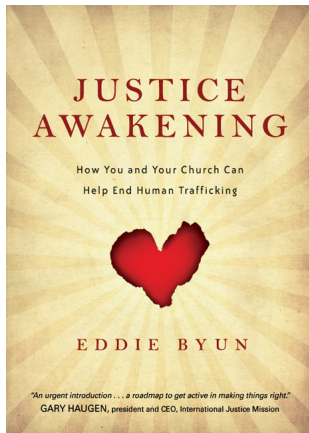
– **D. Michael Lindsay**, president of Gordon College and author of *Faith in the Halls of Power*

“This is a fantastic resource for the church! The biblical narrative makes it clear that worship without justice is a stench in the face of God. At a time when there is more slavery than ever before in history, Pastor Eddie calls the church to engage in the fight to set people free from everything that enslaves them. His words are timely, powerful and echo the very heart cry of God.”

– **Daniel Walker**, author of *God in a Brothel*

“Tears of passion and resolve flowed from my eyes as I read *Justice Awakening*. This important book articulates the way our heavenly Father teaches and inspires us to reveal what’s in his heart. It resonates within us to press on as we fight to find and free slaves. This book is a critical journey through God’s direct instructions to the church about justice and human trafficking. Thank you, Pastor Eddie, for crafting such a great tool for the body of Christ!”

– **Carol Hart**, cofounder and president of ZOE International



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*Justice Awakening* is a handbook for Christians who want to bring an end to human trafficking and modern-day slavery. Pastor and activist Eddie Byun provides biblical foundations to understand God's heart for justice and the oppressed. He offers practical, on-the-ground steps that any believer or church can take, from youth groups to men's ministries, orphan care ministries to short-term and long-term missions.

## What the Church Can Do to Fight Modern-Day Slavery

- Teach and preach sermons on human trafficking, modern-day slavery and what is needed to fight injustice.
- Offer Bible studies on the various issues related to trafficking (freedom, justice, mercy, bondage, etc.).
- Study history and past abolitionist movements for inspiration.
- Host movie nights and screen films that offer insight into the trafficking industry.
- Give your church some practical steps on how to pray for this issue:
  - Pray for the victims
  - Pray for the traffickers
  - Pray for organizations on the frontlines
  - Organize a prayer walk in your community
  - Join a 24/7 prayer chain
- Have a slavery-made fast where the church fasts from slavery-made foods and products.
- Rally men's and women's ministries to educate and actively engage in the fight against trafficking by helping anti-trafficking and after-care programs.
- Have youth groups put on fundraisers to raise awareness about trafficking.
- Find ways to reach out to the vulnerable people in your community, those who are preyed upon by traffickers.
- Find ways to reach out to the women in red light districts in your city.
- Work as a church to push for legislation to punish traffickers.
- Raise awareness through social media, campaigns (bike and walk-a-thons), hosting conferences and more.

– See chapter five, "What Your Church Can Do" for a complete list and details