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## **JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH**

**A Call to Action for the Christian Community**

*Psalm 82:4 (NIV): "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

### **Our Biblical Mandate**

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world. As representatives of Jesus Christ, we are called to confront injustice and intervene on behalf of the vulnerable. Psalm 82:4 reminds us that rescue, advocacy, and protection are not optional—they are sacred responsibilities.

### **What Is Human Trafficking?**

Human trafficking is the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor, services, or commercial sex. It affects children, teens, and adults in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

#### **Red Flags might include:**

- Signs of physical abuse, malnourishment, or neglect
- Sudden changes in behavior, attire, or social circles
- Persons suddenly in possession of expensive items
- Someone who appears fearful, anxious, submissive, or unable to make eye contact
- Individuals who seem coached in their responses
- Restricted communication or someone speaking on their behalf at all times
- A young person missing school regularly or suddenly disengaging from activities
- A victim expressing concern for "owing a debt" or being unable to leave a situation

### **How can the church respond?**

- Pray intentionally for protection, justice, and healing (Ps141:9, Amos 5:24, Jer 30:17)
- Educate congregations and advocate for school programs about trafficking realities in our communities
- Create safe spaces for youth engagement
- Report suspicious situations—silence enables exploitation

**If You Suspect Trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:**

**1-888-373-7888**

### **New Jersey Resources**

- **SaferNJ.org** – Official New Jersey human trafficking awareness and reporting resource
- **TraffickJam.info** – Artistic, educational programming created by Minister Wincey Terry-Bryant to empower youth and communities through music, storytelling, and prevention education.