

**YOU** have a  
part to **PLAY**

<sup>1</sup>“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. <sup>3</sup> ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ...

## **Isaiah 58 : 1 - 14**



<sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ...

## **Isaiah 58 : 1 - 14**



<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? <sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, ...

## **Isaiah 58 : 1 - 14**



<sup>10</sup> and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. ...

## **Isaiah 58 : 1 - 14**



<sup>13</sup> “If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord’s holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, <sup>14</sup> then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.” For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

## **Isaiah 58 : 1 - 14**



# What we can't not do





What we can't not do

What we must actually do







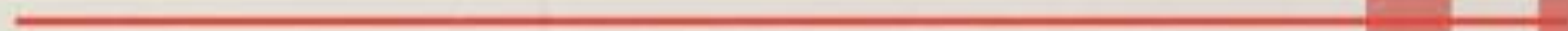
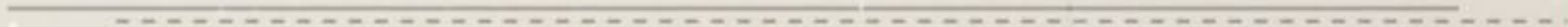
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**Isaiah 58 : 2**


**“the ordinances of justice”**





*Justice is something  
you can't not do*





“Righteousness and mishpat (justice) are  
the foundation of your throne”



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**Psalm 89 : 14**



The Lord loves righteousness  
and mishpat (justice)



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**Psalm 33 : 5**

The Lord executes mishpat (justice)  
for the oppressed

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**Psalm 146 : 7**

What we can't not do

What we must actually do





“Repairer of Broken Walls,  
Restorer of Streets with Dwellings”



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**Isaiah 58 : 12**

“If I have kept the poor from their desire,  
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail,  
Or have eaten my morsel alone,  
And the orphan has not shared it...  
If I have seen anyone perish for lack of clothing,  
Or that the needy had no covering,  
If his loins have not thanked me, ...

**Job 31 : 16-17, 19-22, 32**



And if he has not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep,  
If I have lifted up my hand against the orphan,  
Because I saw I had support in the gate,  
Let my shoulder fall from the socket,  
And my arm be broken off at the elbow.  
“The alien has not lodged outside,  
For I have opened my doors to the traveler.”

**Job 31 : 16-17, 19-22, 32**







“quartet of the vulnerable”

**Nicolas Wolterstorff**





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**Isaiah 58 : 7**

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**Isaiah 58 : 7**

“If you insult the poor, you insult the Lord”



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**Proverbs 14 : 31**

"If you give to the poor, you give to the Lord."



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**Proverbs 19 : 17**

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”  
Whatever you did not do for them, you did not do for me.”

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**Matthew 25 : 44-46**



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**Isaiah 58 : 13 - 14**



“I had to find a connection between  
my story and Jesus’s story.”

## **Jo Anne Terrell**

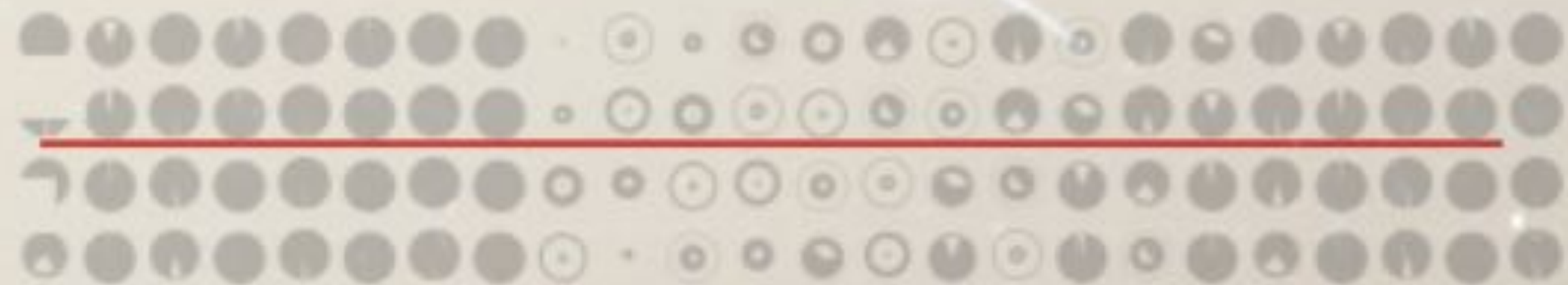
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“It was the cross.”

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**What's your part to play?**



Go on a truck run





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Join the Sunday team



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Donate Clothes





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