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*"And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)*

In a time of religious hypocrisy and widespread injustice, the prophet Micah calls God's people to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before the Lord. Scripture makes clear that God does not desire empty sacrifices or good works done with hollow hearts, but our *whole* hearts expressed through lives that reflect His character. Though true justice and lasting peace will ultimately come when Christ returns as our righteous King, we are still called to pursue justice and care for the poor, vulnerable, and oppressed in the meantime.

It was through the Clinical Counseling program at Columbia International University (CIU) that God deepened my understanding of and passion for this calling to pursue justice. It was also through this program that I began to ask myself: Who is more vulnerable than a baby? In particular, who is more vulnerable than an *unborn* baby?

This calling became deeply personal to me within a few months of marrying my husband, Branson, when the Lord blessed us with a child! From the



moment I found out I was pregnant, I felt an immediate and profound connection to the beautiful life growing inside of me. I felt fiercely protective of our baby and became increasingly aware of the weight and wonder of carrying another life.

Early in our pregnancy, the Lord called our baby home to Heaven. Our loss brought deep grief, confusion, and many questions. Yet even in the midst of that sorrow, there was never a question that God is good, that He is sovereign, and that He works *all things* for His glory and our good. One part of His redemptive work through our loss was connecting my passion for justice and mercy to a deeper conviction about the protection of life in the womb. Through experiencing pregnancy myself, I understood in a new and deeply personal way that life in the womb *is* valuable. That life *is* worthy. That life *is* worth protecting.

Not long after our loss, one of my classmates mentioned Daybreak in a classroom discussion. I immediately looked up their website and decided to reach out and get involved in any way that I could. I felt the Lord calling me to Daybreak and giving me confidence to serve in whatever capacity He opened for me, and so I started as a Client Advocate volunteer.

To be a part of the mission the Lord is doing at Daybreak is a gift and a privilege. When the opportunity arose to become the Boutique Coordinator for Taylor's Boutique, I eagerly accepted. I pray that, in serving the mothers and children who walk through our doors, my life would bear the fruit of the justice, mercy, and humility that God calls His people to pursue.



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