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This world is broken and yet God has a plan to lift humanity up from its brokenness like a skyscraper.

We are giving our Christian perspective on the brokenness.

We are not called to give our "perspective" on the darkness, but to bring the "light of the world" to it.

We are called to provide a Jesus response and to lift this world like a skyscraper.

A "Jesus response" brings both truth and grace to every person and circumstance.

Truth without grace is mean, and grace without truth is meaningless.

Example: Woman taken in the act of adultery.

The law drove the accusers away, but it also condemned the woman.

Jesus—the fulfillment of the law—not only set the woman free, but invited her accusers to the same freedom.

<u>Matthew 16:12</u> – "Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the pharisees and sadducees." (NKJV)

This doctrine is the essence of pride and is exposed when you believe you are either better or worse than another person.

Pride destroys and humility lifts.

Pride makes us think our perspective is important.

Do you love your perspective more than grieving for the distorted image of God in the broken person?

If someone you love in your family is bound in one of the areas below, you will have a completely different perspective.

- Sexual brokenness
- Heterosexual
- Homosexuality
- Gender identity

When you love anyone who is gay, gender confused, or bound in any area, you will long for them to know freedom.

Humility demands that we enter each other's worlds.

Luke 11:23 – "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters." (NIV)

If we don't provide a Jesus response, we will scatter and not gather!

Jesus enters our broken world and brings freedom.