If you have seen the newly released movie, "Sound of Freedom", you would recognize the title of this week's blog. The delicate subject matter of child sex trafficking and slavery was handled professionally, without blatant scenes and language that leave images seared into your brain forever. Hollywood would do well to follow this example and realize we don't want to see 'everything'. But that's' the rub...I fear Hollywood may be one of the leading demons in the world of sex trafficking and child pornography.

I was hesitant to go see the movie, simply because I know how deeply I internalize topics like these, a mixture of blessing and a curse. I believe we are supposed to get past the walls of discomfort and allow ourselves to be compassionate, to do what we can as God's people to help where and how we can. But for me, especially when it comes to innocent children being abused or neglected, I take it to heart, and it takes days and weeks to get past the grief of it all. Then I remember my grief is nothing compared to the pain endured by these precious children, and that's when I feel led to do more than just talk about it.

Being alone and raising my grandsons makes it difficult to jump deep into these waters, both logistically and emotionally. So for now, I am looking at where my money may help the most. I have come across the **Tim Tebow Foundation** and **Operation Underground Railroad**, both dedicated to ending this multi-billion-dollar disgrace, of which our own America is one of the largest consumers. In addition to financial support, I will pray for these babies and for those who have dedicated their lives to rescuing the children who are dispersed all over the world. It may sound like a small contribution, but if we all gave just a little, great things could be accomplished.

In my morning devotion, I was reading where Moses is giving the children of Israel his final 'summary' of what they have been through and how God had been with them all the way, even when they didn't really deserve it. In this particular passage below, Moses, who was not going to be able to pass over the Jordan with them, was reminding them of God's instructions for their families. I believe we have forgotten these instructions as people, as nations. Godly behavior begins in the home, and if we teach our children what is right, our world, and the hearts of people will change for the better.

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 (NIV)

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

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End Child Trafficking | Operation Underground Railroad (ourrescue.org)

May God bless you as you consider ways you might help these precious little ones. Let's do all we can to send the message to them and the world that God loves them, and they are not alone. God's children are not for sale!

Blessings,

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