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The Bible teaches us that modern-day social work practices and values are rooted in Christianity. Like the field of social work, the Bible instructs us to serve those in need, and it emphasizes the importance of human relationships. It is our duty as Christians to serve the oppressed, poor, and marginalized. In his walk on this earth, Jesus engaged in outreach and cared for those marginalized. He cared for those that were the most vulnerable and showed his love and compassion in substantial ways which are mentioned in the New Testament. One example is found in the four gospels where “Feeding of the 5000” is mentioned, which explains that Jesus fed 5000 people that went to seek him for healing and other miracles (Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44). Through the gospels, we also learn of the many miracles of healing that Jesus performed, and how his empathy and compassion saved the woman accused of committing adultery, and while the Pharisees judged and shamed her, Jesus said to them “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her” (*New International Version*, 2011, John 8:7).

Through the examples that Jesus set for us, God is telling us that it is our duty as the body of Christ to follow his footsteps and give to the poor, feed the hungry, help those that are being oppressed and the marginalized, and help heal those that are emotionally and mentally wounded. The way that I should respond to the calling that God has for my life as a social worker is to help others and be the light of God through their struggles. As I learn about the field of social work, I see the hand of God in every work that I do and in every session with my clients.

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