

# GLOBAL HEART

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BLAIR BURNS - IJM  
INTERNATIONAL INJUSTICE  
PSALM 10

We heard of the true story of Marla who lives just outside Calcutta. How she lost her parents at an early age and subsequently was lured to a brothel. How she was forced to service countless men every day. How the unscrupulous owner also had numerous other girls at his disposal and under his heartless control. How numerous efforts of IJM proved to be unsuccessful in efforts to prosecute the owner in the face of corrupt local police. How IJM prayer intercessors never gave up praying for her and believing that a break-through would occur despite seemingly unsurmountable obstacles and the final outcome for the owner and for Marla.

Share and discuss the story of Marla and IJM's involvement.

Blair used the analogy of the tiger when describing the approach of the brothel owner ('Apex Predator'). What characteristics of a tiger's approach to its prey are analogous to the behaviour of the brothel owner?

Read Psalm 10.

From verses 1-11 how does the 'wicked man' and 'the weak' (v.2) and the 'lion' (tiger) (v 9) more fully describe Marla's circumstances?

In which verses are the following described?

- (a) The wicked man prospers
- (b) He murders them
- (c) The helpless are crushed
- (d) The wicked man believes that he is untouchable – there's no God

What other injustices are you aware of where 'the lion lies in wait to catch the helpless and drags them off into his net'?

From verses 12-18 how does the faith of the Psalmist come to life?

How is there authority and confidence in the words of the Psalmist and what does that teach us about our intercessory praying, especially toward grave injustices?

How does Ephesians 6:10-18 remind us of the seriousness of the battle and the equipping we are provided?

Which verse(s) of Psalm 10 speak or challenge you most? Share why.

How does the Good Samaritan story call us to respond to the injustices in which IJM, Unshackled and similar organisations are involved?

Suggestion: Time of prayer for the weak and persecuted of this world, the organisations that respond to such needs and our own response.