

# FaithBIT



## Get to Work in Broken Places

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"I'm a survivor of sexual violence. My choice to say no is really important to me." Asma Muhamed said this on April 25th as she spoke at the Minnesota Women's Press event, Powerful Everyday Women. She talked about all the ways she had been showing up at marches and press conferences and rallies and legislators' offices, and how as a Muslim woman, the work of fighting for her rights, like so many others who are marginalized in our society, falls on her.

As Asma spoke, a question formed in my mind and my heart: how do I need to start saying yes, so that she has the choice to say no? Basically, God was saying tag, you're it. Since then, Asma's words have been ringing in my head, reminding me that I am called to show up and help carry the load.



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up in broken places  
and get to work."**

**- Grace Olson**

As I think about showing up, I feel a certain sense of guilt. Like many other 25-year-olds, one of the places I haven't been showing up is church on Sundays. But on June 30th, as I marched in the streets with thousands of other Minnesotans holding a sign that said families belong together / familias unidas y libres, I felt powerfully that not only was God calling me to be there, but that this is where Immanuel had taught me to be. Every mission trip I went on, every service day in confirmation, and countless sermons taught me that God calls us to show up in broken places and get to work.

Micah 6:8 says "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." I'm trying.