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Shane Claiborne in an interview with a Christian magazine in 2009 (Wikimedia Commons/Christliches Medienmagazin pro)



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"Our love doesn't stop at our own borders," Shane Claiborne tells John Dear in this new episode of "The Nonviolent Jesus Podcast."

Claiborne talks about the need to respond to the rising authoritarianism, white supremacy, warmaking, corporate greed and ongoing global violence and environmental destruction. He calls us to public organizing, bold resistance and living out the Gospel where it matters most — on the streets, in communities and on the frontlines of change.

We need to go where people are hurting, and serve them, and stop the pain, violence and injustice, he said. "The closer we are to the pain, the more urgently we respond to it."

Claiborne knows about living the Gospel and responding to the pain and needs of the poor. He has worked on the streets of Calcutta with Mother Teresa, spent time in Rwanda and Iraq, and journeyed with Dear to Kabul, Afghanistan, during the war. He lives in inner-city Philadelphia with The Simple Way community serving, advocating and organizing on the streets. Claiborne's best-selling books include *The Irresistible Revolution* and *Beating Guns: Hope for People Who Are Weary of Violence*.

Claiborne also speaks all over the world. A dynamic, popular speaker and activist, he is the co-founder of Red Letter Christians, an organization that works with thousands of young evangelicals for justice, disarmament and creation. He has put radical love and nonviolence into action and invites us to do the same through the testimony of his life.

"Our protest is a form of liturgy," he said. "We can bring joy in the midst of public lament."

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