

## HE IS OUR PEACE

Micah 5.1-5a

### Micah's prophecy to his people:

*"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." ... And he will be our peace...*

Micah 5.2,5a

The gospel writers take note. This prophecy is about Jesus (Matt. 2.5-6, John 7.42)

God continues his biblical theme of using the unexpected and insignificant to accomplish his will.

God desires to bless us with peace, but even then God's peace will often arrive in unexpected and insignificant ways.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.***

Philippians 4.4-7

### HOW JESUS IS OUR PEACE

1. Jesus didn't come to rescue us—he came to **BE WITH US** .

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. ... I will not leave you as orphans. .... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

John 14.16-18, 27

*And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* Matthew 28.20

2. Jesus came to tell us that as long as we stick with him and listen to him **WE'LL BE OK**.

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5.1

*"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you... I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

John 15.3, 5

3. Jesus came to reassure us that **THIS IS NOT ALL THERE IS** .

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled... I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

John 14.1-3

The promise of Micah is that God will be faithful and will appear in surprising ways. Jesus invites us to experience God's indescribable peace.

Are you ready to be surprised? How will you prepare yourself to welcome Jesus this season?

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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