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New Message Series: Finding New Hope this Christmas

Today's Message: When Hope Came Down

Key Verse: Romans 15:13 "I pray that God, the source of all hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope thru the power of the Holy Spirit."

Micah 1:3, 8 "Look! The Lord is coming from His dwelling place; He comes down and treads the high places of the earth... Because of this I will weep and wail... I will howl like a jackal, and moan like an owl..."

* The prophet Micah tells us of God's judgment against the sins of Judah, but also in spires _____ by speaking of the coming Messiah and His Kingdom of peace.

Three Truths:

1. Hope is not something we do—it's joyful _____ - something that comes from God thru His Son Jesus.
2. There are 2 times when people change—when they really _____ to and when they _____ to.
3. Change starts small, grows small, sprouts small; the seed never looks like the _____ it contains.

Zechariah 4:10 "Do not despise these small beginnings."

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1. God's _____, Protection, and Peace

Micah 5:2, 4, 5 "But you Bethlehem... though you are small... out of you will come to me one who will be ruler over Israel... He will stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they will live securely, for then His greatness will reach to the ends of the earth. And He will be their peace..."

* "**Bethlehem**" - house of _____

* **Jesus** - "the bread of life"

* John 6:35 "... He who comes to Me will never go hungry and he who believes in Me will never be thirsty."

John 6:51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Apply: Bread must be given, broken, and _____ before it can benefit your life.

Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, all whose thoughts are fixed on You."

2. Our _____ To God's Love

Micah 6:8 "He has showed you... what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

* **"Require"** - 2 Hebrew meanings; "what does the Lord ask of you?", "What does the Lord demand of you?"

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord you God with all you heart, all your soul, and all your mind."

3. God's Pardoning, Forgiving Love

Micah 7:18-20 "Who is a God like You, who pardons and forgives...? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us... and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob..."