



# A note from the pastor

## Sermon from 07/7/24 -- "We Must "Live into Hope"

Micah, one of the minor prophets, laments the spiritual condition of Israel. He compares the nation to a barren vineyard, seeking fruit but finding none. Despite this, Micah remains faithful to God's work, continuing to proclaim His message. The people's sin and untruthfulness are evident, yet Micah holds onto hope. Satan, as we know comes to still kill and to destroy, seeking whom he may devour. Stay alert friends and keep your hands to the plow. We must remain faithful to the work of the Lord. Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Do not give up even when circumstances are tough and victory, break breakthroughs are at a distance. Stay faithful and hold on to God and His sovereignty. To do this we must Live into Hope.

We are blessed to serve a loving, compassionate, forgiving, and faithful God. Micah acknowledges God's pardon and love, emphasizing that God delights in showing mercy. That's why the children of God, should be ever thankful for the mercy and grace God willingly offers to those who believe. No matter how difficult the situation, God's faithfulness endures. When our hope is manifested, the foundation is His unwavering love for us.

The hope we have in Christ has no respect of person. One must simply, confess, believe and receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Be confident in God's promises. Our hope is not wishful thinking; it's anchored in Jesus' resurrection. The joy and peace come through the Holy Spirit, empowering us to live this life, in spite of all the issues and circumstances we face with Hope.

Remain Faithful to Work (Micah 7:1-4)

- What if, so what, oh well...are we going to continue to complain, make excuses, because things are **NOT** going the way We Think they should;

Be Confident in Your God (Micah 7:5-7)

- **Trust** in God, Not People Micah warns against trusting even close friends or family members.
- **Wait** for God's Salvation Micah declares, "I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation

When Your Hope Is Manifested (Romans 15:10-13)

- Hope in the Fulfillment of God's Promises.
- Experience **Joy** and **Peace** as believers, we can overflow with hope, joy, and peace through the Holy Spirit. Our hope isn't wishful thinking; it's a *confident expectation based on God's faithfulness.*

### Reflection

*Scripture:* Micah 7:1-7, 18-20 Romans 15:10-13