

Little Isaiah (Week 3) - From Ruin to Restoration (Micah 4)
Yesterday's Sermon Summary

Little Isaiah 2 - When Leaders Become Enemies (Micah 3):

1. Biblical prophets were the “canary in the coal mine” for Israelites, telling them they were “out of sync with the will of God”.
2. They were poets, often creating vivid images with their language.
3. Micah blamed the leaders, priests, and false prophets the most.
4. The word “therefore” in [3:12](#) sets up the bad consequences to follow: Jerusalem will be destroyed, empty: a “scrub-covered hill”.
5. [Micah 4:1-5](#) is stark contrast to 3:12: This is God’s promise of restoration.
6. God will teach his people (and other nations), peace will come, all will be safe and have their own land. God takes the initiative!
7. This cycle of ruin to restoration (grief to hope) shows up in most biblical prophets.
8. God disciplines us out of love ([Heb. 12: 5-7](#))
9. Henri Nouwen: “One of the greatest challenges of the spiritual life is to receive God’s forgiveness. There is something in us humans that keeps us clinging to our sins and prevents us from letting God erase our past and offer us a completely new beginning. Receiving forgiveness requires a willingness to let God be God and do all the healing, restoring, and renewing.”

