

WARM UP

How have you noticed that being a Christian is counter-cultural today?

The "Story Worth Telling":



Context of Micah 7:

A people in darkness, depravity, & under discipline (Micah 6:9-16; 7:1-6, 8-17)

A prophet taking sin to heart, speaking the truth, personalizing his faith ...

READ

Micah 7:1-10

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

3 COUNTER-CULTURAL COMMITMENTS (from Micah 7:7):

1. KEEPING OUR EYES ON JESUS: "I will look to the LORD" (VISION)

A. Why? It is _____¹ -- What is your vision?

B. Why? It is _____² & influential

See Judges 14:3, Psalm 119:6, 15; Hebrews 12:1-2; Is 45:22; Numbers 21:8

C. Why? It is _____³

See Joshua 24:15; Psalm 26:11 Psalm 69:13; Micah 3:8

¹ pragmatic

² powerful

³ personal

2. WAITING FOR JESUS: “I will wait for the God of my salvation” (HOPE)

A. Describe your _____⁴

About your life, our world, your work, your marriage, your health, your future...

See Luke 8:22

B. Discover Biblical _____⁵

See Luke 2:25-32, Psalm 18:46, Psalm 25:5, Psalm 27, Psalm 51:14, Psalm 88:1, Habakkuk 3:17-18, Romans 8:25

“When our society values continuous work, efficiency, action and interaction while also trivializing rest, silence and stillness, it can be increasingly difficult to step away from everything. unplugging, taking a break, waiting and listening for God to speak is a surprisingly radical accomplishment.”

-Stephen Mattson, Relevant magazine

3. _____⁶ TO JESUS: “My God will hear me” (CONFIDENCE)

See Hebrews 4:16 & Hebrews 11

“Faith doesn’t mean there’s an absence of doubt, mystery, or complexity, but it allows you to have confidence in something—a relationship with someone. to invest your trust and hope in any one thing is notable enough, but to have faith in an unseen, unquantifiable, supernatural god is one of the most counter - cultural acts imaginable.”

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Challenge

Joshua 24:15

“And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

⁴ expectations

⁵ optimism

⁶ SPEAKING