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Jehovah Tsidkenu: The LORD Our Righteousness

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Jeremiah 23:1-6 (NLT): “What sorrow awaits the leaders of my people—the shepherds of my sheep—for they have destroyed and scattered the very ones they were expected to care for,” says the LORD. Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: “Instead of caring for my flock and leading them to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them. But I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the Lord, have spoken! For the time is coming,” says the Lord, “when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David’s line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be his name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness’ [Jehovah Tsidkenu]. . .”

God is telling us:

- I want to bring you back
- I want to bless you
- I want to give you hope
- I want to put you in right standing with me
- I want to be in relationship with you
- I need you to know me as Jehovah Tsidkenu
- I need you to accept me as Jehovah Tsidkenu

2 Corinthians 5:21 (AMP): He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NASB): But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.

Ephesians 4:24 (ESV): ...to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Romans 6:14 (NLT): ...you live under the freedom of God’s grace.

Romans 6:14 (NLT): Sin is no longer your master...

When we live under the false assumption that grace is an excuse for our sin patterns, we are no longer operating under grace; we are operating under deception.

Friends, some of us are snacking so much on the world that we no longer have room to hunger and thirst after God's righteousness. We're missing out on God's feast!

Matthew 5:6 (ESV): Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

What are you snacking on that is causing you to miss out on the feast God has for you? The feast that will satisfy you. The feast that will sustain you.

Next Steps:

- **Start Praying:** Try using the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11
- **Start Reading:** Check out some reading plan options at northwoods.church/bible
- **Start Growing:** Sign up for any of our classes starting up this fall like Alpha, Doing What Jesus Did, or Get Free