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Deep Cuts: You Already Know
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Micah 1:1 (NIV): The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

Three Stops in the Journey Through Micah

Stop #1: The Problem

A. False Worship—How they related to God

Micah 1:5-7 (NIV): All this is because of Jacob's transgression, because of the sins of the people of Israel. What is Jacob's transgression? Is it not Samaria? What is Judah's high place? Is it not Jerusalem? "Therefore I will make Samaria a heap of rubble, a place for planting vineyards. I will pour her stones into the valley and lay bare her foundations. All her idols will be broken to pieces; all her temple gifts will be burned with fire; I will destroy all her images. Since she gathered her gifts from the wages of prostitutes, as the wages of prostitutes they will again be used."

B. False Dealings—How they treated people

Micah 2:1-2 (NIV): Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them. They defraud people of their homes, they rob them of their inheritance.

C. False Prophets—Who they listened to

Micah 2:6 (NIV): "Do not prophesy," their prophets say. "Do not prophesy about these things; disgrace will not overtake us."

Micah 2:11 (NIV): If a liar and deceiver comes and says, 'I will prophesy for you plenty of wine and beer,' that would be just the prophet for this people!

Stop #2: The Fix

Micah 6:6-7 (NIV): With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Micah 6:8 (NIV): He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. ...

Micah 6:8 (NIV): ... And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

A. Act Justly—Treat people right and fair

B. Love Mercy—Live out Biblical kindness

Psalms 141:5 (NIV): Let a righteous man strike me—that is a kindness; let him rebuke me—that is oil on my head.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

C. Walk Humbly with Your God—Examine your life before God

Stop #3: The Hope

Micah 7:18-19 (NIV): Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.