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Peace
[Micah 5:2-5a](#)

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in travail has brought forth; then the rest of his brethren shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And this shall be peace,

Sometimes I forget about these “minor” prophets until it is time to prepare a devotion or a sermon using the lectionary. Micah gives us a clear picture of how to prepare for a new life or perhaps I should say renew life.

Maybe you don’t do this but sometimes I rush through my scripture and prayer time. Gee, it’s not like I’m taking anything away from Him, and it’s not every day. Just sometimes!

This scripture shows me that I’m exactly like these folks. I was creating my own worship with a minimum of scripture and prayer rushing through because it is what I was supposed to do.

I was quickly saying the names on my prayer list with no real depth for their need just to get it over. I was not being kind, compassionate, humble, or honest. I had no peace.

Then it happens, a wakeup call, trouble comes knocking. I was unprepared because I had not been doing the will of my Father. I knew what I needed to do: bow and humbly ask Him to forgive me, repent and believe, and He would give me the peace I needed.

I am thankful for His peace.

Prayer: *O Lord, what do you require – that I act justly, love mercy and walk humbly. In Your Name I pray. Amen*

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