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Zephaniah 2:4-3:8

Creating a World in Which to Flourish: We Are In This Mess Together

We are in this mess together (2:4-15)

“The seacoast shall become the possession of the remnant of the house of Judah, on which they shall graze, and in the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the LORD their God will be mindful of them and restore their fortunes” (2:7).

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

Change starts at home (3:1-4)

“Woe to her who is rebellious and defiled, the oppressing city! She listens to no voice; she accepts no correction. She does not trust in the LORD; she does not draw near to her God” (3:1-2).

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:1-2).

Sometimes we have to wait (3:5-8)

“‘Therefore wait for me,’ declares the LORD” (3:8).

“Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!” (Psalm 27:14).

Jesus changes people

