GOOD NEWS FROM ZEPHANIAH

Key Scripture: Zephaniah 3:17

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Starter: Let's explore the good news promises found in Zephaniah 3:17 NKJV

The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

Five Facts About the Book of Zephaniah:

1. The Prophet Zephaniah ministered and influenced during the reign of **JOSIAH** – who was a godly revival king of his day.
2. Zephaniah's name means "He whom the Lord **HIDES**".
3. This short book of three chapters and fifty-three verses mentions the phrase **THE DAY OF THE LORD** over twenty times.
4. Many times when you are reading a prophecy in Scripture, there is what is called "the law of multiple fulfillment". There is an **IMMEDIATE** fulfillment and an **ULTIMATE** fulfillment.
5. Zephaniah is divided in two sections: prophecies of **JUDGMENT** (1:1-3:8) and then prophecies of **BLESSING** (3:9-20).

Discussion:

1. The Lord your God in your midst…
   What does the first part of this verse mean to you? Is there a difference between God watching you from a distance vs. actually being with you? What are your thoughts of Him living inside of you?
2. … The Mighty One, will save…
   Not only is God your constant companion, He is your champion, your victorious warrior. What is the difference between fighting your own battles vs. allowing God to work on your behalf to release the victory?
3. … He will rejoice over you with gladness…
   Have you ever been in a relationship where someone just tolerated you? Well, I'm happy to say that you are very precious to God! Do you know how much He loves you? How does it make you feel to know that your heavenly Father rejoices over you with gladness?
4. … He will quiet you with His love…
   The peace of God does not depend on what is going on around you, but on who is inside of you. How has God's peace made a difference in your life?

Diving Deeper:

God isn't watching over you from a distance. He is with you; He lives inside you. There is no mountain that God can't move. He is your victorious warrior. He takes great delight in you and rejoices over you!