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**PROMISE**

Micah 4-5





*God made a promise.  
He kept it and it changed everything.*

**The Bottom Line**





God's people are unfaithful  
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Micah 1-3

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**Hear, you peoples, all of  
you, listen, earth and all  
who live in it, that the  
Sovereign LORD may  
bear witness against  
you, the Lord from his  
holy temple.**

MICAH 1:2



**CATEGORY**

**CONTRACT**

**COVENANT**

**Form**

**Transaction  
Compensation**

**Stipulations  
Blessings & Curses**

**Purpose**

**Expected Benefits**

**Desire for Relationship**

**Initiative**

**Mutual Agreement**

**God**

**Obligation**

**Performance**

**Loyalty**

**Length**

**Specified**

**Not Specified**



# Tracking the Covenant

*I will be your God, you shall be my people...*

*Abraham*

Established

Genesis 12:1-5

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*David*

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Expanded

2 Samuel 7:8-16

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Jeremiah  
7:1-29; 11:1-17





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God is faithful and never abandons  
his people or his vision for their future

Micah 4:1-5

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FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD,  
PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A  
**FUTURE AND A HOPE.**

JEREMIAH 29:11





HEBREWS 13:5–6



God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”




God promises  
his people  
restoration  
through a  
righteous  
Shepherd-King


Micah 5:1-5





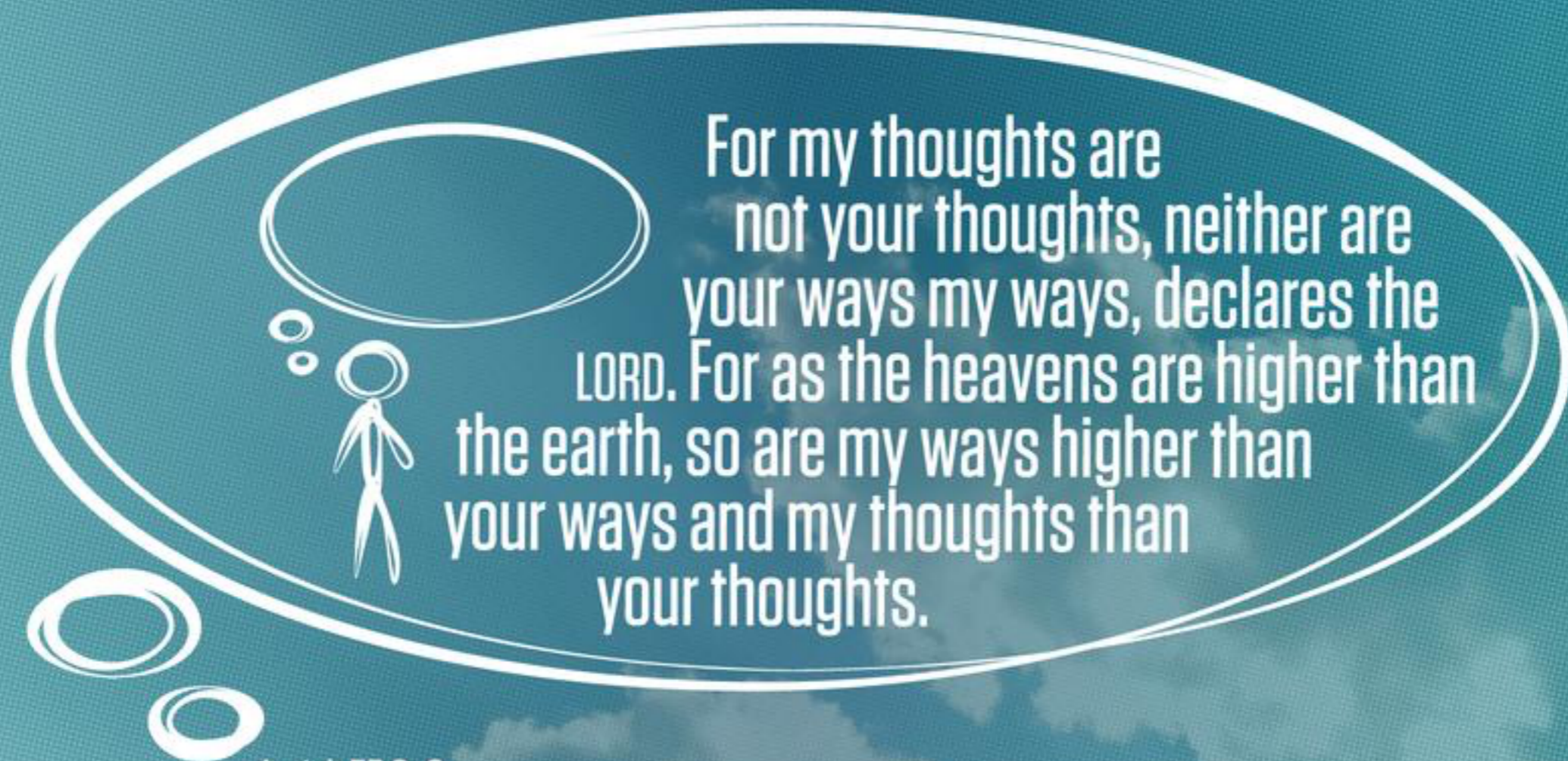


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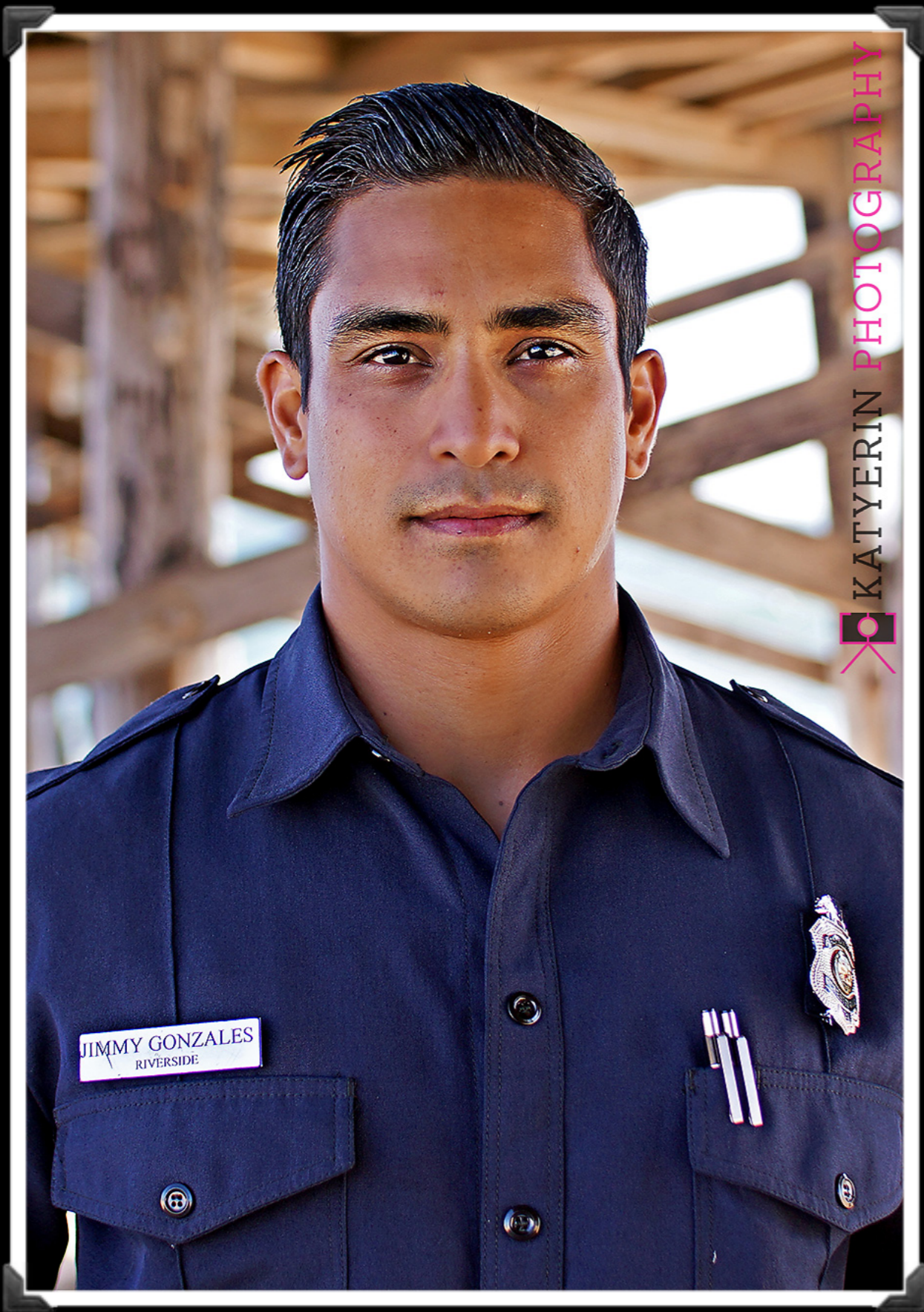





For my thoughts are  
not your thoughts, neither are  
your ways my ways, declares the  
LORD. For as the heavens are higher than  
the earth, so are my ways higher than  
your ways and my thoughts than  
your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9










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*this week I will watch for God working  
in ways I haven't previously  
expected him to work*

**Next Step**





Jesus is the righteous Shepherd-King —  
*Jesus is how God keeps his promise to his people*

The Gospels

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But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31



Herod asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:4-6







In the beginning was the Word, and  
the Word was with God, and the  
Word was God. He was with God in  
the beginning.

John 1:1-2





You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.

Luke 1:31-33



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.



Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:11, 13-14







*this week I will reaffirm an unkept  
promise I made to someone in the past*  
**Next Step**





Jesus is how God's promise  
includes all people

The Gospels

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MATTHEW 12:21



In his name  
the nations will put their hope.





## JOHN 3:15-18



Everyone who believes may have eternal life in him... For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



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*Jesus*

Made New

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Luke 22:20  
Hebrews 8-9, 12



Matthew's quotation of Micah's prophecy [Matt 2:6] has set it in a new perspective for the Christian reader of the Old Testament. The deliverer has come to this world in the person of Jesus; like David, Jesus is the new Shepherd of God's sheep, offering security from external enemies and a life of security. Jesus, of the Davidic line, is above all a gift of God to this world. To those who feel shut in on every side, like the besieged citizens of Jerusalem who first heard these words, Jesus brings the prospect of deliverance and security. And that is the essence of the Christmas message: God makes a gift to a besieged world through whom deliverance may come.

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*this week I commit to taking my family  
through the Christmas Family Experience  
the week of Christmas*  
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