



God's Covenant People

Living with God as His chosen people

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The Grass We Trust

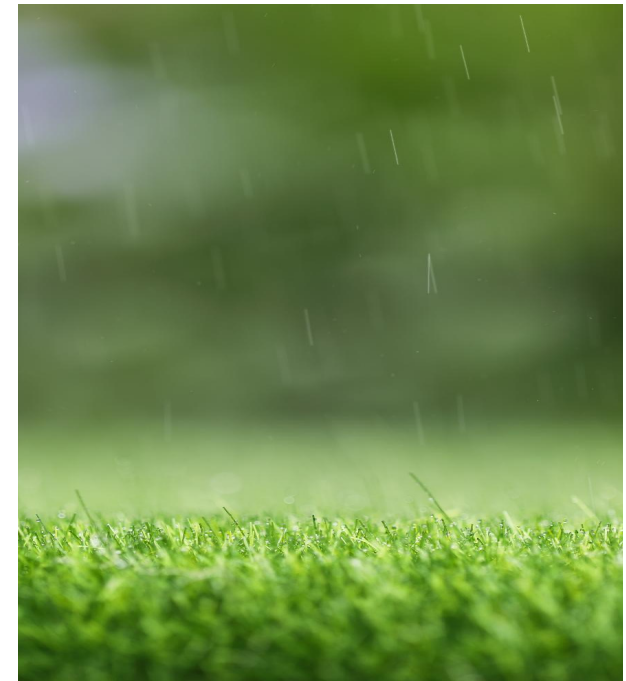
Micah 6–7 | Mark 4:3–12

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God's Case: Remember Who Prepared the Course (Micah 6:1–5)

- God calls Israel to account, not with accusation, but with remembrance.
- He rehearses His saving acts: deliverance, rescue, faithfulness.
- Faith does not begin with our performance, but with God's preparation.
- Like a golfer respecting the course designer, we remember who shaped the ground.
- Before we ever acted, God was already at work.





False Offerings: Trying to Buy a Better Score (Micah 6:6–7)

- Israel responds with **excess** instead of *repentance*.
- They offer more sacrifices rather than changed direction.
- Like buying new clubs, instead of fixing a bad swing, effort replaces honesty.
- External religion can look impressive, while the soil remains shallow.
- Faith without roots may look healthy, but collapses under pressure.





The Real Requirement: A Playable Faith (Micah 6:8)

GOD STRIPS FAITH BACK TO THE FUNDAMENTALS.

- **Act justly** – living truthfully, playing the ball where it lies.
- **Love mercy** – forgiving failures, ours and others’.
- **Walk humbly** – remembering we are guests on God’s course.
- These are signs of good soil that receives the seed and bears fruit.



When the Course Feels Empty (Micah 7:1–6)

- Micah looks around & feels alone among unfaithfulness.
- Trust feels dangerous; faith feels rare.
- Like a course after bad weather, the ground shows scars.
- God's people still belong to the Keeper, even when the land looks damaged.
- Lament is not weakness, it is truth spoken on God's ground.





Waiting Confidently on the Green (Micah 7:7)

- Micah chooses to look to the Lord despite what he sees.
- Trust shifts from visible slopes to the unseen Greenkeeper.
- Waiting is not passive, it is confident hope.
- Roots often grow deepest during delays & rain.





Who Is a God Like You? Grace Wins the Match (Micah 7:18–20)

- Micah ends with worship, not achievement.
- God delights in mercy and does not keep score like we do.
- Forgiveness flows from God's nature, not our success.
- Like fresh grass after renovation, grace restores what was worn.



Conclusion: Play the Course God Gave You

- Faith is not about perfect rounds, but trusting the ground beneath you.
- Remember where God has carried you from.
- Stop trying to buy a better score with performance.
- Plant one seed this week: justice, mercy, or humility
- Roots matter more than appearances.
- The Keeper of the course is faithful, and grace always makes the next round possible.

