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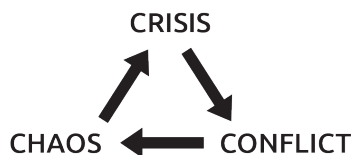
Isaiah 9:1 – 7

Pastor Brett Moore

MESSAGE NOTES

Waiting makes us worry

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. — Isaiah 9:1 – 7



God meets our mess with His mercy.

1. GIVER

The unexpected gift of love from God means that for you and me, all that's left to do is celebrate.

2. THE GIFT

3. PERSON OF HOLINESS

God's answer to everything that has ever terrorized us is a child.

God isn't offering relief. He's offering rescue.

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DISCUSSION

- If someone were to stop you in the parking lot on the way out of church and ask you what the sermon was about, what would you say?
- In what ways have you experienced unexpected news or events during 2021?
- Talk about the “Chaos / Conflict / Crisis” cycle. Have you dealt with this in your own life?
- How have you seen God provide for you during this past year? How can you specifically trace His hand at work?
- On Sunday Brett said, “God’s answer to everything that has ever terrorized us is a child.” What does this quote mean to you?
- Are you looking forward to or dreading the Christmas season? Why or why not?
- Will you (or your family) participate in the Advent Guide this year? Talk about how you plan to do that.