

Micah

MESSAGE OF WARNING,
MESSAGE OF HOPE

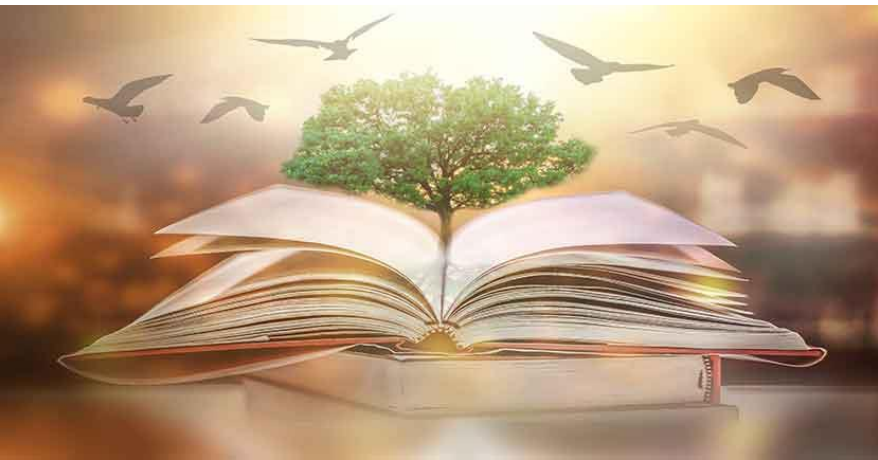
Peace, Justice, Righteousness

Micah 3:1 – 4:8




Common Themes

- Judgement
- Repentance
- Hope





The Prophets



“They afflict the comfortable
and comfort the afflicted”

Stephen Dempster, Micah.

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The New Covenant

Luke 22:20



God's Law?

God's Way demonstrated and taught by Christ & outworked by his covenant people as Image Bearers & Parables of Christ:

Being, Doing, Declaring and Bringing about what is RIGHT



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Micah 6:1-8

Charges against the people of Israel – with creation as witness

Again - using intensifying language to get the point across

Micah 6:1-8 – the court room

Listen to what the Lord says:

**“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;
let the hills hear what you have to say.**

**2 “Hear, you mountains, the Lord’s accusation;
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.**

**For the Lord has a case against his people;
he is lodging a charge against Israel.**

Micah 6:1-8 – the charges

3 “My people, what have I done to you?

How have I burdened you? Answer me.

4 I brought you up out of Egypt

and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,

also Aaron and Miriam.

5 My people, remember

what Balak king of Moab plotted

and what Balaam son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,

that you may know the righteous acts of the Lord.”

Micah 6:1-8 – the call to repentance

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and bow down before the exalted God?

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Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,

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To act justly and to love mercy

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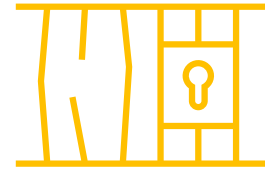
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Walk Humbly

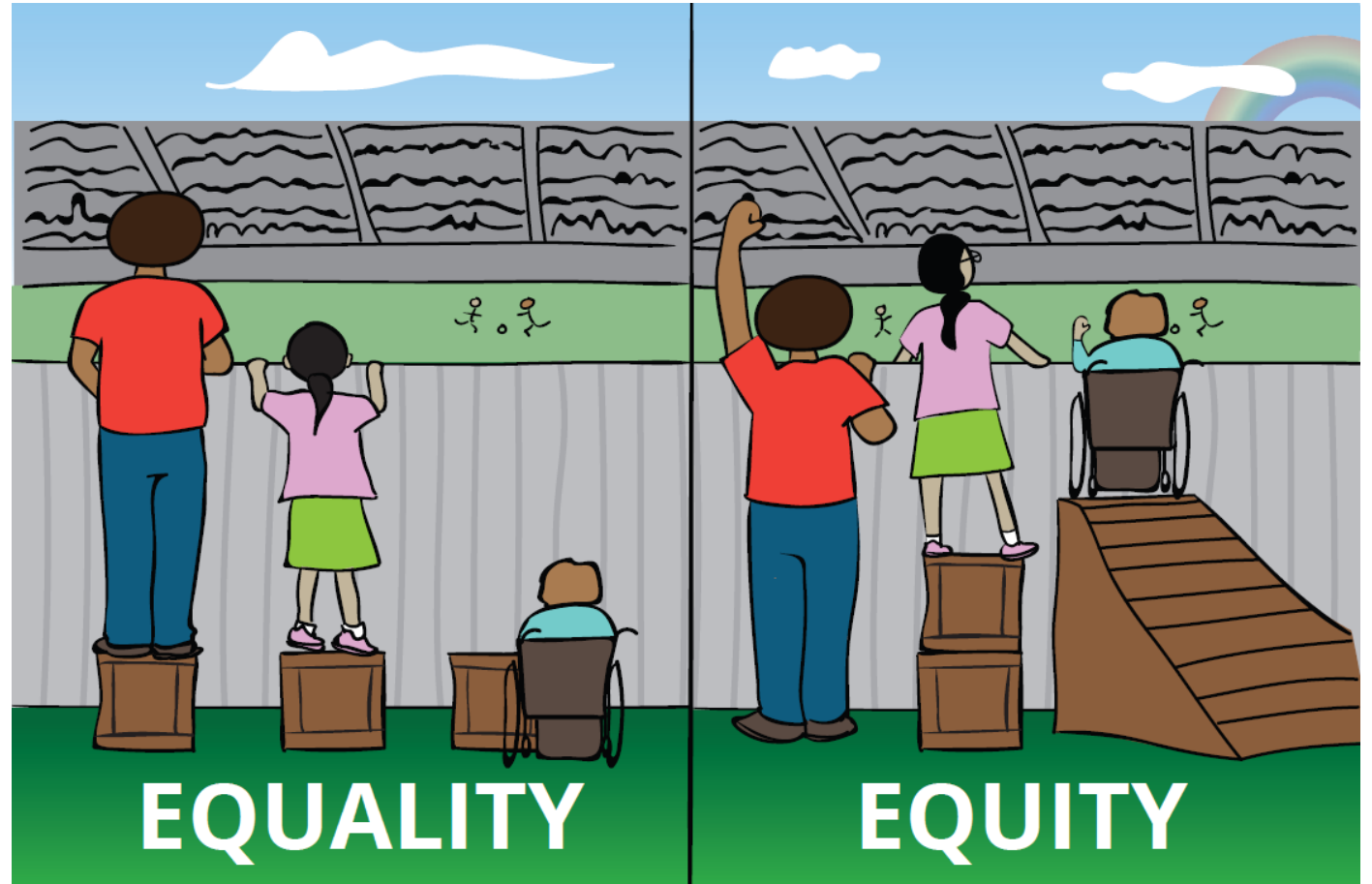


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Do Justice

God is on the
side of the poor,
the weak, the
vulnerable, the
oppressed;
victims of unjust
systems



Equity & Fairness

“Fairness is not about receiving the same amount of resource. Fairness is about having the opportunity to achieve the same outcomes”

Māori and Pacific New Zealanders won't get bowel cancer screening from 50 because of pressure on colonoscopy services - despite the ministry's own expert advisory groups wanting the change.

The decision has dismayed experts who say it sends a message that "Māori and Pacific people have to 'wait' for equity".

The bowel cancer screening programme was piloted for 50 to 74-year-olds, but when extended nationally that range was tightened to 60-74 - a good fit for the Pākehā majority, but less so for Māori and Pacific, given more of those groups develop cancer earlier.

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/kahu/bowel-cancer-screening-age-wont-be-dropped-for-maori-and-pacific-nzers-despite-expert-advice/H2SMT56IKYVWA7QKUB7Q7QCREY/>



But..... complexity

What we see is often not the real problem – or cause

Leaves = My Behaviour

Branches = My
decisions and
choices

Trunk = My physical, emotional & spiritual well being

Culture & Context

Beliefs and Values

Relationships/ Influencers

Systems/ Structures

Opportunities

Education & Experiences

