

# The Good News Not Being Reported

Sunday, January 17, 2021 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

### 1. The world around us... lot of bad news

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<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.<sup>2</sup> So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. <sup>3</sup> Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!<sup>4</sup> A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High.<sup>5</sup> God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it.<sup>6</sup> The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts! <sup>7</sup> The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. <sup>8</sup> Come, see the glorious works of the LORD: See how he brings destruction upon the world. <sup>9</sup> He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." Psalm 46:1-10 NLT

### 2. The world we often don't see... good news

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God's way is perfect. All the LORD's promises prove true. He is a shield for all who look to him for protection.

#### Psalm 18:30 NLT

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment—to love one another—is the same message you heard before. <sup>8</sup> Yet it is also new. Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it. For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. **1 John 1:7-8** NLT

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. <sup>2</sup> Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath! <sup>3</sup> Death wrapped its ropes around me; the terrors of the grave overtook me. I saw only trouble and sorrow. <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD: "Please, LORD, save me!" <sup>5</sup> How kind the LORD is! How good he is! So merciful, this God of ours! **Psalm 116:1-5** NLT

## **Next Steps:**

Put my trust in God as I face an uncertain future. Relax, be still, and put my trust in God

□ Commit to a simple act of love this week: \_\_\_\_\_

□ Read Psalm 46 this week

□ Commit to attend the final week of "In God We Trust"