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<b>SERIES</b>	The Bible has a lot to say to each of us. Different verses speak to us at different times, but often, there are a few highlighted verses we keep coming back to. Let's hear from our pastors about the verses they live by and why they're so meaningful.

This week, Pastor Paul has us explore, Zephaniah 3:17 - *"The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*

### **God loves you.**

- Jesus said that love is the goal of all spiritual maturity. *"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."* - 2 Timothy 1:7
- Jesus died on the cross for our sins because He loves us so much, more than we could ever fathom. You are a child of God and no matter what you do, He will love you. How do you show God's love in turn?
- How can you help others in your life know the infinite love that Jesus has for them and how much He wants to walk with them and help them? Can you think of one person in your life right now that you could share this with? What obstacles do you foresee?

### **He delights in you.**

- *"In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us."* - Ephesians 1:7
- Does God really have time to think about me? When I'm on God's mind, how does He feel about me, our relationship, and my sin?

### **He quiets you with His love.**

- *"But I have calmed and quietened myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content."* - Psalm 31:2
- I know I'm not perfect, but have I considered how my weaknesses actually strengthen God in His perfection? Discuss.

### **He rejoices over you with singing.**

- Our sin does not separate us from God. Being a Christian is knowing that you are not perfect and never will be on Earth. It means relinquishing your vulnerable self entirely to God and trusting His word. Why do you think this is so hard for us to do?
- How would my perspective change if I realized God isn't mad at me?
- Genuine transformation requires vulnerability - the willingness to be known. We cower so and stay away from God when we sin because we are ashamed of our behavior. We know better. What we should be doing is reaching out to Him that much more.

**God is with you.**

- *"because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."* - Hebrews 13:5b
- Life is definitely hard and we are not always good at making decisions for ourselves. That is why faith is so important in our lives. He is always with you. What do you need to be vulnerable with in your life right now and give to God?
- What is one way I can surrender to God in my life so we have a stronger relationship, instead of just obeying His word?

Take some time this week and sit at Jesus' feet. Sit with Him in the Gospel stories, gaze into His face and listen to his assurances of love for you. Let God's love wash over you.