

**FROM DESPAIR TO DELIVERANCE**  
**Sermon Series: "AFTER CHRISTMAS"**  
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**(All Scriptures is from the New International Version unless otherwise noted)**  
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*"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan." **Isaiah 9:1***

- **WHEN DESPAIR VISITS IN THE DARK...GOD PROMISES LIGHT.**

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." **Isaiah 9:2***

*And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **Genesis 1:3***

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12***

***"Rather than curse the darkness, why not light a candle?" –Roma Downey***

- **WHEN DESPAIR BRINGS YOU PAIN...GOD PROMISES JOY.**

*"You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder." **Isaiah 9:3***

*"For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor." **Isaiah 9:4***

- **WHEN YOUR DESPAIR TRIES TO ENSLAVE YOU...GOD PROMISES A SAVIOR.**

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." **Isaiah 9:6***

- **NOW IT'S AFTER CHRISTMAS, REMEMBER: OUR MOMENTS OF DESPAIR CANNOT OVERWHELM GOD'S PROMISES!**

**This Weeks Faith Challenge**

- **I will commit this week not to live in despair and seek deliverance through the Light of Jesus Christ.**

**One More Thing: What was one thing you believe the Holy Spirit revealed to you this morning? \_\_\_\_\_**  
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