

Micah 3:8
Never Alone!

A painting of a single tree in a field under a textured, yellowish-green sky. The tree is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The ground is a mix of brown and green, suggesting a field or meadow. The sky is a mottled, textured yellow-green, with some darker spots and a vertical crease or shadow running down the right side.

Micah

Micah versus the false prophets

⁸ But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.

(Micah 3:8)

A faint, artistic illustration of a tree with a thick trunk and a rounded, bushy canopy, standing in a field. The background is a soft, textured wash of yellow and green.

Micah

Promise of new covenant

³¹ "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ...

³³ ... "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ³⁴ ... "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Micah

The promise of the Spirit

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

(Ezek 36:26-27)

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Jesus promises the Spirit

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

(John 14:16-17)

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Fruit of the Spirit

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

(Galatians 5:22-23, 25)

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How do we keep in step with the Spirit?

The background is a textured, painterly scene. It features a single tree with a rounded, bushy canopy and a thick trunk, standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The sky is a mix of pale yellow and light green, with visible brushstrokes and a slightly hazy atmosphere. In the bottom right corner, the word "Micah" is written in a dark, cursive script.

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To keep in step with the Spirit

1. To yield our lives fully to God
2. To depend fully on God for power to live the Christian life
3. To obey the Lord's command in our lives
4. Pray to "be filled with the Spirit"

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Repentance

“TRUE LIBERTY is not found without confession of our sins and the experience of divine forgiveness.”

(Paul Tournier, *The Strong and the Weak*)

Micah

By God's power, not your own

² I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? ³ Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

(Gal 3:2-3)

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The background is a textured, mottled yellowish-green color, resembling aged paper or a watercolor wash. A small, dark silhouette of a tree is positioned on the right side of the lower half of the image. The word "Micah" is written in a black, cursive script in the bottom right corner.

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