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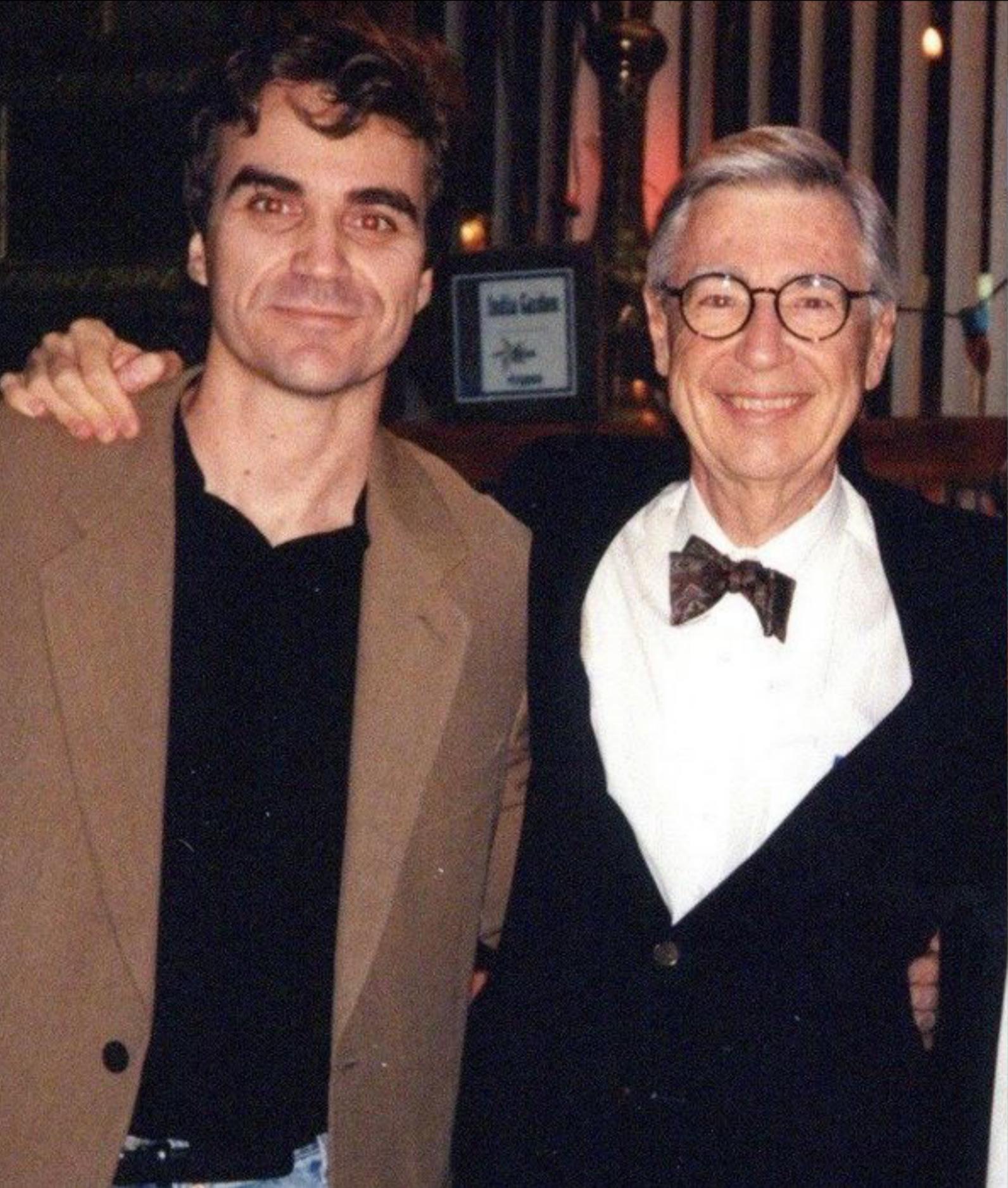


WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE KINDNESS

A BEAUTIFUL DAY  
IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



IN THEATERS THANKSGIVING





WON'T YOU BE MY  
NEIGHBOR?



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How do we find peace in a world that is so utterly broken?



How do I find peace when  
I am so utterly broken?



# Luke 2:14

“Glory to God in the highest  
heaven, and on earth peace to  
those on whom his favor rests.”



# Matthew 2:16-18



When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

# Matthew 2:16-18



Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: This is what the LORD says: "A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."







# Jeremiah 8:15

We hoped for peace but no good  
has come, for a time of healing  
but there is only terror.



# Romans 8:7

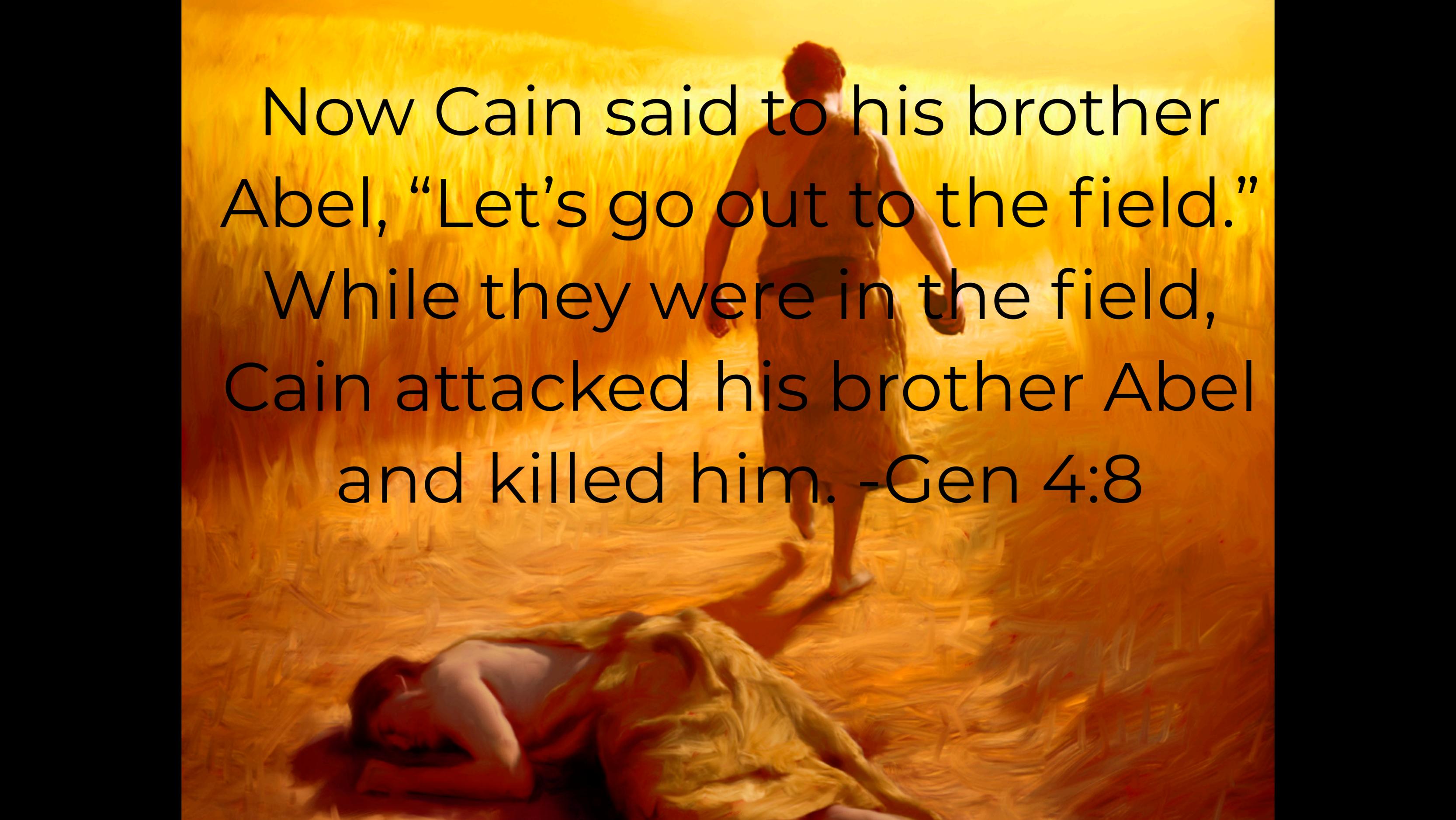
The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.









A painting depicting the biblical story of Cain and Abel. In the foreground, a man (Abel) lies on the ground, his body marked with blood. In the background, another man (Cain) walks away from him, holding a stone. The scene is set in a field of golden wheat, illuminated by a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is somber and dramatic.

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field."  
While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. -Gen 4:8

# Luke 2:12



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.



Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"

# Jeremiah 6:13-14

From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace' they say, when there is no peace.

# Ephesians 2:14

For he [Jesus] himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,



# Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been  
justified through faith, we have  
peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ,

# Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.



Romans 1:7

1 Corinthians 1:3

2 Corinthians 1:2

Galatians 1:3

Ephesian 1:2

Philippians 1:2

“Grace and peace.”

Colossians 1:2

1 Thessalonians 1:1

2 Thessalonians 1:2

Philemon 3

Titus 1:4

1 Timothy 1:2

1 Peter 1:2

2 Peter 1:2

2 John 1:3



# Isaiah 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.



When we find peace with  
God we are then empowered  
to bring His peace into the  
world.





“No justice. No peace.”



~~“No justice. No peace.”~~

“Grace and peace.”



“Ruth lived out her deep faith in Jesus by loving and serving others, leaving a legacy of Christ-centered kindness and sacrifice. She was the beloved baby of our family. We grieve with hope. We hold no hatred towards the perpetrator, but our hope is no other girl would be harmed in this way and for a mother to never experience this type of heartache.”



# Isaiah 9:6-7

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. Of the greatness of his government  
and peace there will be no end.

# Isaiah 9:6-7

He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.



Our present and our future  
are primarily connected  
through our hopes.

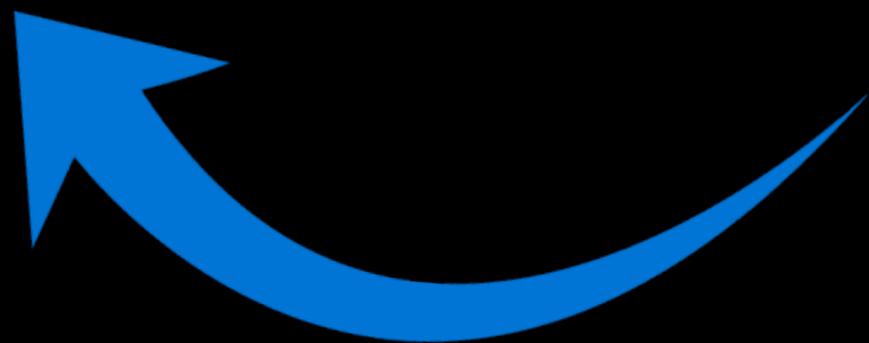
# HOPE



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**present**

**future**



# PEACE



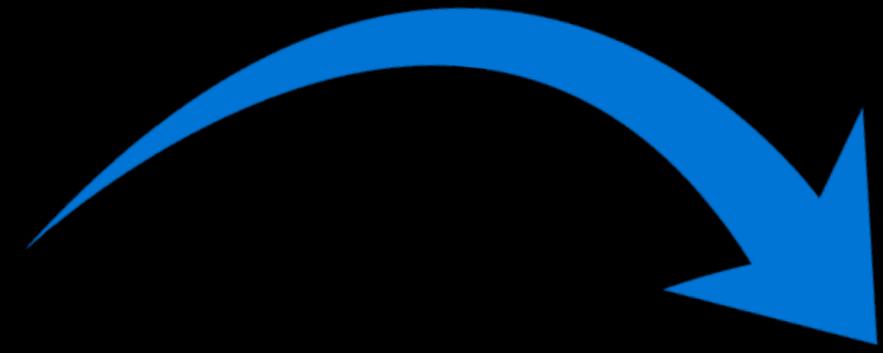
**redemption**

**past**

**present**

**future**

**restoration**









# Summary

In our rebellion against God, we have declared war with Him. But God entered into our world to bring peace and this peace allows us to not only be made right with Him but with the world around us.