

EVERY NATION CHURCH MALAYSIA Presents

# THE PLAYLET: KNOW WHO HOPE LIKE THIS



Easter Weekend Services

**30**  
March  
5.00pm  
English

**31**  
March  
9.15am  
Mandarin

**31**  
March  
11.00am  
English



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**IF JESUS IS HOPE,  
WHY DO WE FEEL SO  
POWERLESS TODAY?**

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# MICAH CONTEXT

- Coming out of a generation of relative peace
- Complacent and corrupt practices
- Political instability

Mobilize! Marshal your troops! The enemy is **laying siege to Jerusalem**. They will strike Israel's leader in the face with a rod.

**MICAH 5:1**

# IMAGINE THEIR FEELINGS

- Fear
- Doubt
- Hopelessness
- Anxiety
- Uncertainty

**<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf. <sup>3</sup> The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. <sup>4</sup> And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. Then his people will live there undisturbed, for he will be highly honored around the world.**

**MICAH 5:2-4**



<sup>5</sup> And he will be the **source of peace**. When the Assyrians invade our land and break through our defenses, we will appoint seven rulers to watch over us, eight princes to lead us. <sup>6</sup> They will rule Assyria with drawn swords and enter the gates of the land of Nimrod. He will **rescue us** from the Assyrians when they pour over the borders to invade our land.

**MICAH 5:5-6**

# JESUS

- 1. Shepherd**
- 2. Source of Peace**
- 3. Savior**



<sup>7</sup> Then the remnant left in Israel will take their place among the nations. **They will be like dew sent by the Lord or like rain falling on the grass**, which no one can hold back and no one can restrain. <sup>8</sup> The remnant left in Israel will take their place among the nations. **They will be like a lion among the animals of the forest, like a strong young lion among flocks of sheep and goats**, pouncing and tearing as they go with no rescuer in sight. <sup>9</sup> The people of Israel will stand up to their foes, and all their enemies will be wiped out.

**MICAH 5:7-9**

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**JESUS' FOLLOWERS:  
RELENTLESS SOURCE  
OF BLESSING**

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<sup>10</sup> “In that day,” says the Lord, “I will slaughter your **horses** and destroy your **chariots**. <sup>11</sup> I will tear down your **walls** and demolish your **defenses**. <sup>12</sup> I will put an end to all **witchcraft**, and there will be no more **fortune-tellers**. <sup>13</sup> I will destroy all your idols and **sacred pillars**, so you will never again worship the **work of your own hands**. <sup>14</sup> I will abolish your idol shrines with their Asherah poles and destroy your pagan cities.

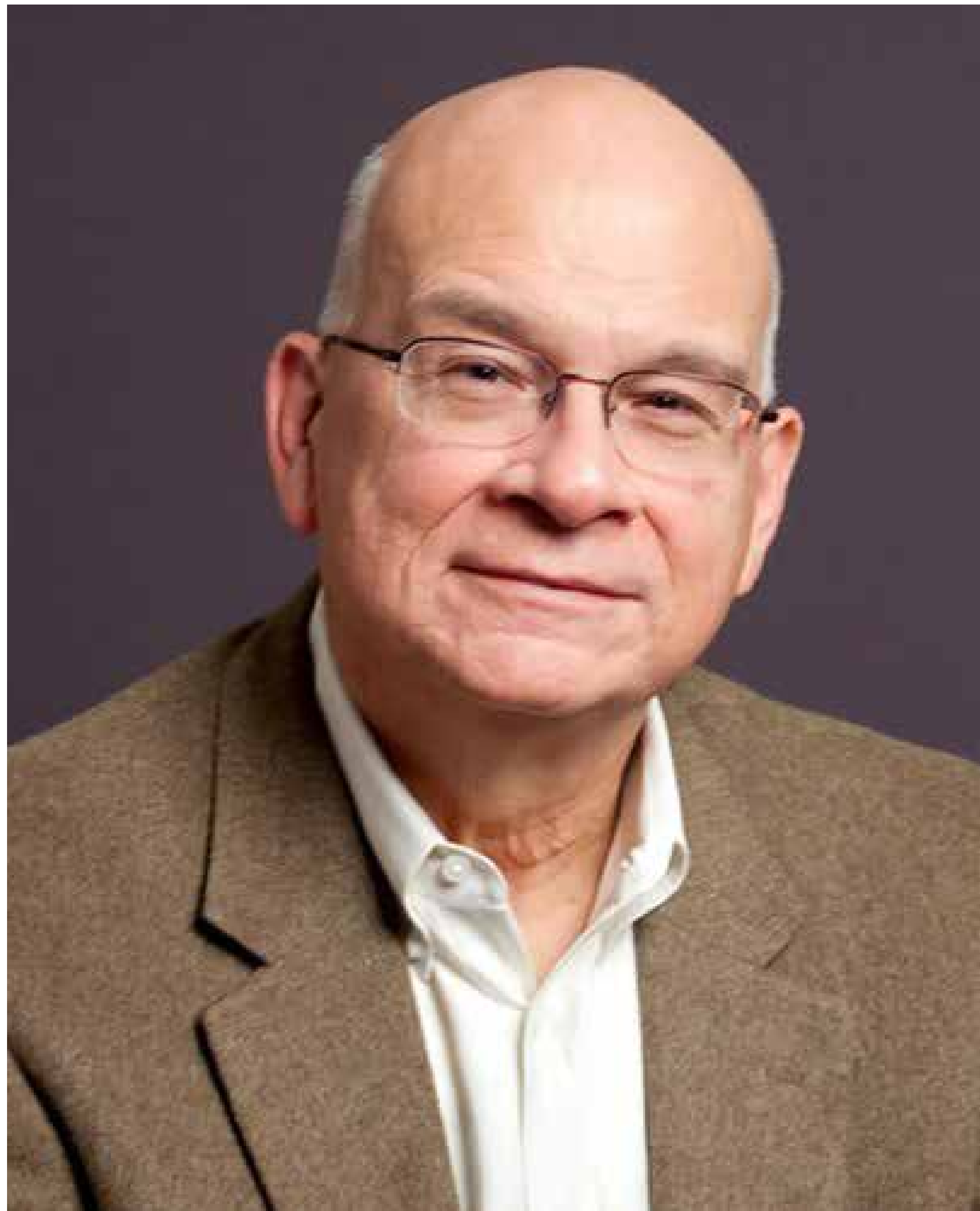
**MICAH 5:10-14**

# WHAT DID THE PEOPLE PUT THEIR HOPE IN?

- Military Might
- Secure Fortresses
- Magicians
- Other Gods

# **WHERE HAVE WE PUT OUR HOPE TODAY? HAVE THESE REPLACED JESUS AS OUR TRUE HOPE?**

- **Health**
- **Wealth**
- **Success**
- **Relationships**
- **Popularity**
- **Investments**
- **Knowledge**



The human heart is an idol factory that takes good things like a successful career, love, material possessions, even family, and turns them into ultimate things. Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them.

**TIMOTHY KELLER**

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**HOW HAS IT  
BEEN TURNING  
OUT FOR US?**

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**WHAT KIND OF  
HOPE IS THIS?**

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**HOPE IN A NEW KING**  
**HOPE IN A NEW KINGDOM**  
**HOPE IN A NEW HEART**

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