

<u>Sermon Notes – Steve Chiles – 12/13/2023</u>

Isaiah 9:1-2 (NLT)

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

The darkness makes us vulnerable to the Enemy.

The darkness just makes our bad situation worse.

The darkness causes us to lose our sense of purpose.

God offers you the hope of His Power.

Matthew 19:26 (NIV)

With God all things are possible.

God offers you the hope of His Comfort.

God will be WITH YOU while you grieve.

Psalm 34:18 (NLT)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

God will bring HEALING to your grief.

Psalm 147:3 (NLT)

He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.

God will replace your grief with JOY!

Psalm 30:11 (NLT)

You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy

God offers you the hope of His Promises.

Psalm 119:105 (NLT)

Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.