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AUGUST 29: ZECHARIAH

If you are a sports fan you may have experienced a phenomenon called the cycle of hope. The year starts off with great anticipation, which leads to a disappointing end to the season, followed by the promises of doing better. All the while we aren't sure anymore if our team will ever win the championship. There are times when this happens in life as well, whether in a relationship, or finances or our plans for the future. When this happens we might struggle to believe that God is at work or if He even exists. Zechariah invites us to see that while it may not make sense to us, God is at work, don't give up hope.

SCRIPTURE:

Zechariah

GOING DEEPER QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time when you experienced a level of disappointment followed by anticipation of a better season, whether it is cheering for your favourite sports team or another area of life?
2. What is something from the message that stood out to you, was new to you or challenged you?
3. Respond to the statement "while it may not make sense to us, God is at work, don't give up hope." Is this true? Why or why not?
4. Share a time when you experienced the cycle of hope, feeling like things weren't good but could get better but it was taking a long time. How did this affect your faith in God?
5. Do you need everything God does to make sense or are you okay with it being unclear? Why is that? How would your relationship with God change if you let go of the need for clarity?
6. Read Zechariah 9:9 & Matthew 21:1 - 11. Why is it important that Matthew connects Jesus to the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9?
7. How important is it for us to know that God is still at work even though it doesn't make sense to us?
8. How is the the Holy Spirit inviting you to respond? What step(s) of obedience can you start taking today?