

Will you let Him?

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Luke 13:34

In this short passage of scripture Jesus is showing us the heart of God. He was sad that his people had turned away from him.

These are the same children who, way back in Genesis 12 were born out of a covenant of love between Abram and God.

Then through the centuries after this, God cared for them, and guided them, and gave them leaders.

But unfortunately, with the passage of time these descendants turned away from God to follow their own paths.

So, God sent the various prophets to warn and encourage the people to follow his ways.

So, it's no wonder then, that we see Jesus articulate this sadness:

Sounds familiar doesn't it. How many times have we wished our children, our grandchildren would make good decisions?

How many times have we wanted to guide them and help them, only to find they aren't interested?

It's heart breaking - and that is how God feels too whenever any of us wander from his paths.

And so, this morning, once again, Jesus Christ calls us back to the shelter of his protective arms. To the safety of his arms stretched out for us on the cross.

We are greatly loved by God and God wants to be our strength and protection.

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