







## PRINCE = SAR Ruler, Commander



#### Joshua 5:13-14

<sup>13</sup> Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" 14 "Neither," he replied, "but as COMMANDER of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in worship.



## PEACE = SHALOM To fill or repair cracks



## What is CHRISTMAS PEACE?



### NOT Political Peace



### NOT Internal Peace



### NOT Relational Peace



#### Luke 12:51-53

<sup>51</sup> Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. 52 From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three.



Luke 12:51-53 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughterin-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.



### Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Peace on earth and mercy mild. GOD AND SINNERS RECONCILED.



Ephesians 2:14, 16-18 <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.



Ephesians 2:14, 16-18 <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.



# Isaiah 53:5 His punishment brought us peace, by his wounds we are healed.



### Seeking Peace... but not with God



# Romans 8:7 The natural mind is enmity against God. It will not submit to God's law. Indeed it cannot.



"The primary condition of our hearts is not ignorance so that you need education or indifference so that you need motivation, but rather HOSTILITY SO THAT YOU NEED RECONCILIATION." -Tim Keller





Romans 5:10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!



# Peace with God... but no experiential peace



## Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule your heart.



### Will you let the peace of Christ rule in your heart?



#### Isaiah 9:7

Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. 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. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.



