



Zephaniah 3:17 – Keli

June 14, 2026

Read & Reflect

READ:

- Zephaniah 3:14–17

Life has a way of attaching our identity to relationships, achievements, roles, or circumstances. But when those things change, we can feel lost and uncertain. Zephaniah reminds us that our deepest identity isn't found in what we do or what happens to us—it's found in belonging to God. He is with us, delights in us, quiets us with His love, and rejoices over us with singing.

Understand the Moment

Zephaniah begins with some of the strongest warnings in Scripture. God's people had become spiritually complacent, placing their trust in idols, comfort, and their own security rather than in Him. Through the prophet, God confronts their wandering hearts and calls them back to a relationship built on trust, obedience, and devotion.

But the story doesn't end with judgment. After exposing what was broken, God reveals His heart. Zephaniah 3:17 paints a beautiful picture of a God who remains present with His people, delights in them, quiets their fears with His love, and rejoices over them with singing. The same God who corrects is also the God who restores.

This passage reminds us that our identity is not rooted in our successes, failures, titles, relationships, or circumstances. When life feels uncertain or overwhelming, God's love remains unchanged. He invites us to stop striving, rest in His presence, and remember that we are deeply loved children of the King.

Process Together or Alone

- Why do you think people often struggle to believe God truly delights in them?
- Which promise in this passage feels most meaningful in your current season?
- How does God's love differ from the acceptance we seek from others?
- What keeps us from resting in God's presence?

Follow Jesus This Week

Listen

- What truth about your identity is God reminding you of today?
- Where is He inviting you to trust Him more deeply?

Obey

- What is one practical way you can rest in God's love this week?
- How can you replace striving with trust?

Share

- Who needs to hear this encouragement?
- Who can help keep you focused on God's truth?

Care

- Who is struggling with fear, insecurity, or loneliness?
- How can you support them through prayer this week?



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Live It Out

Choose one truth from Zephaniah 3:17 and write it somewhere you'll see every day.

When anxiety, fear, or self-doubt shows up, speak that truth out loud and remind yourself who God says you are.

Remember: **Your identity is not found in your circumstances. Your identity is found in the God who delights in you.**

Pray

- Thank God for His presence in every season.
- Ask Him to quiet your fears with His love.
- Ask Him to help you find your identity in Him alone.
- Pray for someone who needs encouragement this week.

Father, thank You for being near when life feels uncertain. Help me remember that my worth is found in You, not in my circumstances, achievements, or struggles. Quiet my anxious heart with Your love and help me rest in the truth that I am deeply loved by You. Use me to encourage others with that same hope this week. Amen.

Group Leader Optional Questions

Opening Question:

When have you experienced someone encouraging you at exactly the right moment?

Closing Reflection:

Which promise from Zephaniah 3:17 do you most need to carry with you this week?