JEHOVAH SHAMMAH: The Lord is There

"..... And from that day the name of the city will be 'The LORD Is There."" **Ezekiel 48:35** (NLT) Ezekiel gives a prophecy of hope. What was happening that Israel needed this message of hope?

FRACTURED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

- Let's briefly walk through what happened.
- Look at the hope that Ezekiel was saying God promised. It wasn't hope just for them, but for us today.

RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

I. GOD WITH US

A. God incarnate flesh - God with us. John 1:1-5, 14

The angel of the Lord said to Joseph, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" which means "God with Us" Matthew 1:20-23 (ESV)

B. Temple no longer needed

Through Jesus we worship not in a specific place but in spirit and truth. John 4:20-26

II. GOD IN US

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you" John 14:15-17 (ESV)

III. GOD BEFORE US

Jehovah Shammah. The Lord is there. God is everywhere.

Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. **Psalm 139:7-10** (ESV)

God is everywhere, even in our future. He doesn't just know our future He is present in it. He who created time is not bound by it.

- Sometimes God protects us.
- Sometimes God prepares us.

In the midst of whatever lies before us, He will give us a peace that passes all understanding. (*Philippians 4:4-7*)

Questions to consider:

- 1. Which scripture passage will you read over again this week?
- 2. What is the history of your and your family's story with God? How does it compare to the Israelites journey?
- 3. What would you explain to someone about the name 'Jehovah Shammah' the Lord is there? What is significant about a restored relationship?
- 4. What did you learn about God's heart? How does that impact what you believe about God?
- 5. Can you think of an area in your life that you need this truth in?