

**MICAH: Doing Justice**  
**Modern Struggles/Ancient Lessons Series**  
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**1. Examples of Harsh Prophetic Words**

- Amos 4:1
- Isaiah 1:13
- Micah 3:1-3

**2. Strange Behavior**

- Hosea married a prostitute.
- Ezekiel ate food cooked over excrement.
- Jeremiah dug up a pair of filthy underwear.

**3. Why Read the Prophets?**

- Because they are in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Because they \_\_\_\_\_ what we would never hear on our own.

See 2 Timothy 3:16

**4. What's the Big Deal?**

See Matthew 25:34-36

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your GOD. Micah 6:8

**THE CALL OF MICAH**

**1. Do \_\_\_\_\_.**

Application: Think honestly and deeply about the possible presence of injustice in your sphere of influence. Can you identify an injustice:

- In how you treat members of your family?
- In your local community?
- In the larger community where you live?
- In your workplace?
- In your local church?
- In how you relate to your neighbors?

**2. Love \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Hesed* is the word most closely associated with God's loving-kindness expressed in covenant relationship. It is a love that always seeks to express itself in action toward another.

**Application:**

- Sign up to help in the church nursery and give care to a little one who can't say thanks but who needs the tender love you can give.
- Serve at the soup kitchen once a month.
- Volunteer to help in Youth Ministry.
- Give an unexpected love gift to your spouse.
- Show up for a blood drive.
- Donate a gift to the Angel Tree.
- Slow down on your high school campus long enough to notice that new kid everybody is walking right past.
- Visit shut-ins.
- Help a neighbor.

**3. Walk \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

See also 1 Peter 5:5-7  
James 4:6-10  
Ephesians 4:2