

## Make A Difference

### Isaiah 9:1-7

"You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder." [Isaiah 9:3]

#### 1. A different celebration

2 metaphors:

- celebration as harvest is gathered and brought home
- celebration when warfare ends in victory

"... in the future He will honor Galilee of the nations... You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy." [Isaiah 9:1, 3]

#### 2. A different outcome

"For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given." [Isaiah 9:6]

#### 3. A different solution

Gentleness: pruates: "demonstrating power without undue harshness."

"My words will be like gentle rain on tender young plants, or like dew on plants." [Deuteronomy 32:2]

Violent rain: destroys crops

Tender rain: nourishes plants

"...A Son is given." [Isaiah 9:6]

## Takeaways:

- Our victory is won by opening a gift, not fighting a battle.

"Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire."  
[Isaiah 9:5]

- Our victory is recognized by opening our mouths.

"And He will be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
[Isaiah 9:6]