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This morning let's look at...

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Romans 10:9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

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b) *Don't be afraid because God values you*

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**Then what is Jesus driving at?**

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John 10:10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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Eph. 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present (read temporary) darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Three people...

- A prophet = a messenger for God
- A righteous person = someone right before God
- A little one = someone innocent & vulnerable

Who are these 3 people?

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WE are the subject here...the followers of Jesus:

➤ *We are the prophets – the messengers*

➤ *We are the righteous ones – the people Jesus has forgiven & made right with God*

➤ *We are the little ones – broken, weak, innocent, & vulnerable in a harsh dark world*

Matt. 5:11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matt. 13:17 For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

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