

# In Waiting for trees!



Today I walked in our garden and picked up these two leaves. I trust that you can easily identify their trees as you read Micah 4:4.

“... each of them will sit under his vine  
And under his fig tree,  
With no one to make *them* afraid.”

During Advent and Christmas we often read and reflect on Micah 5:2: “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, ...” but we rarely read Micah 4:4! The word that struck me most in Micah 4:4 is “*afraid*”! I could not help thinking of the thousands of children and innocent people in Ukraine, Palestine/Israel, Myanmar,

Yemen, Ethiopia... experiencing the unimaginable fear as war rages in their nations.

As we look forward for the day when the Prince of Peace will rule our broken world let us continue listening to Micah:

“But he’s already made it plain how to live, what to do,  
what God is looking for in men and women.

It’s quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,  
And don’t take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.” (Micah 6:9, MSG)

As I continued my walk in our garden I noticed the green leaves on another tree.



***In waiting for a vine, a fig tree and an olive tree!***

**Wishing you, your family and friends a peaceful Christmas and a blessed 2024!**

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