



Dear Friends,

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (NRSV)

Part of Isaiah's prophecy reminds us that the Messiah can shoulder a government. That's a lot of weight, loaded with authority and power. This led me to consider what we will need to shoulder this coming new year. What burdens, challenges and opportunities we will need to carry. The good news and certain promise is that we have a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace who will not leave us to shoulder these burdens alone.

And that is my prayer for you dear friend this week and into the new year, that the Prince of Peace will be with you - Emmanuel God with us.

With Joyful Hope,

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