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I recently returned from two months in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, and the widespread settler violence, house demolitions, land grabs, mass-attacks, arbitrary incarceration and systematic abuse that I saw firsthand has accelerated hugely since I was last there; and particularly since October.

The Palestinian people continue to face the same violence, occupation, and persecution that they have struggled against for the last 76 years.

It is the plausibility of our gospel at stake in how we respond to these crimes.

Will we be good news to the oppressed, liberation to the prisoner, and comfort to the widow and orphan? Or will we turn away? Lord have mercy.

## TODAY, WE PRAY THE NEWS FOR WEST BANK:

- We pray for our elected leaders to uphold international law by enforcing political measures and taking meaningful action beyond just words.
- We pray for the safety of communities facing this violence daily, in their homes and towns. May justice and peace reign.
- We pray for our faith leaders and communities to have courage, to make bold calls and take powerful steps to ensure the gospel is truly good news for all.
- May we be challenged to embody the answer to those prayers. Amen.