



Daily Devotionals: With Jesus at the Beginning | December 19, 2021

Welcome to the Advent season! The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season can drown out the focus of this time of year. Over the next four weeks, we invite you to pause as we look for hope, joy, love, and peace in Jesus.

The word Advent is formed from a Latin word meaning “coming” or “arrival,” Advent is a time for remembering and rejoicing Christ’s birth while watching and waiting for Christ’s return.

Begin with this simple prayer: Lord Jesus, through Advent this year, help us to slow down enough to see you. To reflect you to those around us. Help me to find your hope, joy, love, and peace in this season. Amen.

Finding Love in the Waiting

Read Luke 2:1-7.

From a human perspective, this whole situation must have seemed crazy to Mary and Joseph. As hectic as this might have seemed, this is exactly how God wanted Jesus to enter the world. Right from the start, from the beginning of the Bible, God wanted to have a relationship with us. Even when we messed that up with our sin, God continued to love and make a way to rescue us. Jesus is proof that God loves us unconditionally.

Reflection question: How does it make you feel knowing God loves you so much? How can you show God’s love to others?

Pray this prayer: Dear God, thank You for showing Your love by sending Jesus. You kept Your promise to send a Savior. Help us to always remember how much You love us —so much that You sent Your own Son. And help us remember the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate with our family. Amen.