



Five-Day Devotional 44: A Five-Week Journey Expressing the Heart of Christmas
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From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration

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God's Christmas Value Statement: God's Self-Declaration in the Incarnation

Introduction: Welcome to the fourth devotional in *A Five-Week Journey Expressing the Heart of Christmas*. Something happened on that first Christmas that changed the world forever. A young virgin conceived and gave birth to the Savior—**Jesus Christ, the Son of God**.

Though the times were difficult and uncertain, Mary chose to trust and submit to God's will. In that humble moment of surrender, the ancient promises spoken through the prophets came alive. In Week One, we prepared our hearts to see that God often works through the unusual to accomplish His extraordinary plan. Week Two invited us to embrace *submission over circumstances*, following Mary's example of faith. Week Three reminded us that the obedience of one young virgin shaped the destiny of all humanity.

Now, in this fourth devotional, we turn our attention to **God's Christmas value statement—His own self-declaration through the incarnation**. In Jesus, God reveals His heart, His character, and His desire to dwell with us. Christmas is not only the story of a Savior's birth; it is God announcing who He is. "**Incarnation**" refers to the belief that **God became human in the person of Jesus Christ**. The term comes from the Latin *incarnare*, meaning "to make flesh" or "to become flesh." The Incarnation does **not** mean God stopped being God. Instead, Jesus is understood to be **fully God and fully human**—a mystery. Christmas marks the beginning of this union in human history.

Core thought: At Christmas, God made the most profound value statement in human history—He personally entered our world to keep His word, reveal His heart, and restore relationship with His people.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

***Note to reader:** This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



Day 1 — God keeps His word.

Scripture: *Luke 1:54–55.*

“He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of *His* mercy. As He spoke to our fathers. To Abraham and his seed forever.”

Insight: The birth of Jesus is the visible proof that God keeps His word. Every covenant promise, every prophetic word, every waiting generation found its fulfillment in Bethlehem. The Incarnation declares that God never forgets His people.

Implication: Christmas testifies that God’s promises do not expire with time. His faithfulness crosses generations.

Application:

- Trust God’s promises even when fulfillment feels delayed.
- Worship Him for His dependability—He never fails His word.
- Like Mary, celebrate His mercy that continues from generation to generation.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You that every word You speak stands forever. Teach me to trust Your timing and rest in Your covenant love. Let my heart rejoice in Your proven faithfulness, just as Mary did.



Day 2 — God's promises find fulfillment in person, not just in principle.

Scripture: *Matthew 1:22–23.*

"So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

Insight: God doesn't merely fulfill promises by events—He fulfills them through Himself. In Jesus, the Promise became a Person. God's word was made flesh and dwelt among us to ensure His covenant was both spoken and seen.

Implication: Christmas reveals that divine faithfulness is personal. God steps into history to prove His word by His presence.

Application:

- See Jesus as the living guarantee of every promise.
- Let His presence become your proof of God's commitment.
- When you can't trace the process, trust the Person.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the living promise of God. When I doubt or grow weary, remind me that You are with me—Immanuel. Let Your presence renew my faith in every promise of the Father.



Day 3 — God Is relational at His core.

Scripture: *2 Corinthians 5:18–19 NLT.*

“For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them...”

Insight: Christmas reveals the heart of a relational God. He didn't send an angel or a messenger—He came Himself. The manger leads to the cross, where reconciliation was completed. The Incarnation is God's invitation: *“Come near; I have made a way back to Myself.”*

Implication: God's goal has always been relationship, not religion. The Incarnation bridges the gap between heaven and humanity.

Application:

- Prioritize reconciliation—with God and with others.
- Let your relationships reflect Christ's humility and grace.
- Live each day as one pursued, forgiven, and embraced by divine love.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for coming close through Jesus. Unify my heart fully to Yours and teach me to extend that same grace to others. Let every relationship in my life reflect the reconciling power of Your love. Amen.



Day 4 — God's character and value statement to humanity.

Scripture: *John 3:16.*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only begotten Son..."

Insight: The Incarnation is God's ultimate declaration of how much He values humanity. Love compelled Him to give His best—Himself. Christmas is heaven's loudest proclamation: *You are worth redeeming.*

Implication: God's love is not just an idea or feeling; it's expressed in action. He proved His love not by words, but by sacrifice.

Application:

- Rest your identity in the truth that you are deeply loved.
- Express that same love in tangible ways—serve, forgive, and give.
- Share the message that Christmas is God's personal "I love you" to the world.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for giving Your Son to show how much You love and value us. Help me live each day aware of Your love and eager to extend it to others. Let my life reflect the generosity of Your heart.



Day 5 — Responding to God's value statement.

Scripture: *1 John 4:9–11 NLT.*

God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love-- not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

Insight: Christmas calls for a response. God's self-declaration through the Incarnation invites us to mirror His nature—faithful, relational, and loving. What began in Bethlehem continues through every believer who lives out His values.

Implication: To honor Christmas is to live as a reflection of God's nature: keeping our word, reconciling relationships, and loving sacrificially.

Application:

- Keep your commitments as a reflection of God's faithfulness.
- Seek reconciliation as evidence of His grace at work in you.
- Love freely, for that is how the world recognizes the Christ within you.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Jesus—Your greatest expression of love and truth. Help me live in a way that reflects Your faithfulness, reconciliation, and compassion. Let my life become a living testimony of Your Christmas value statement.

Summary thought: Christmas is **God's declaration that His word is sure, His heart is relational, and His love is sacrificial.** To honor the act of God in Christmas is to **trust His promises, reflect His relational nature, and embody His love** each day.