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Sunday, November 30 – Thursday, December 25

This Advent, we focus on what it means to be Rooted in Christ. Like a tree drawing life from deep, hidden roots, we grow strong when our hearts stay close to Jesus. As we move toward Christmas, we'll discover how hope, peace, joy, and love bloom when we are firmly planted in Him — steadied, gently nourished, and beautifully shaped by His grace.

November 30 – Hope Begins

Scripture (ESV): Isaiah 9:2 "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."

Advent begins with a quiet promise of light. Even when life feels pitch black, God's hope shines softly but surely, guiding our hearts toward something new.

This hope is steady and unfailing, reminding us we are not alone.

Application Question: Where do you most need God's light and hope right now?

December 1 – Promised Rescue

Scripture (ESV): Genesis 3:15 "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

Even at the very beginning, God spoke of a coming rescue. His love was already at work, weaving a plan to heal what was broken.

Jesus did not arrive by accident — He was the promise growing quietly through time, ready to bloom.

Application Question: How does knowing God has a rescue plan bring you comfort today?

December 2 – Waiting Well

Scripture (ESV): Psalm 130:5 "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope."

Waiting can feel slow, but time spent waiting grows deep roots. In the stillness, God teaches us to trust and listen.

Hope fills the waiting and turns it into something beautiful.

Application Question: What helps you wait with hope instead of worry?

December 3 – A Coming King

Scripture (ESV): Micah 5:2 "But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel."

God chose a small town for a mighty King. This reminds us that big miracles often begin in unlikely places.

Jesus shows us that true greatness is gentle and humble.

Application Question: Where are some ordinary places where you see God doing something special?

December 4 – Preparing the Way

Scripture (ESV): Isaiah 40:3 "A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.'"

Advent invites us to put aside distractions so Jesus can draw near. This preparation is about making space, not being perfect.

When we slow down, we can hear His voice.

Application Question: What can you set aside to make more room for Jesus?

December 5 – Joy on the Horizon

Scripture (ESV): Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness."

God sings over His people with joy. His delight is real and personal.

This joy does not depend on our perfection but on His faithful love.

Application Question: When have you experienced small moments of joy lately?

December 6 – Light in Darkness

Scripture (ESV): John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Jesus is the light that never flickers out. No shadow is too deep for His glow.

His light brings warmth, truth, and peace to every part of our lives.

Application Question: What area of your life needs Christ's light today?

December 7 – Peace Promised

Scripture (ESV): Isaiah 26:3 "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."

God's peace is like a calm, flowing river. When we focus on Him, our hearts grow still, even during our busiest days.

This peace reminds us that we are securely held in His care.

Application Question: What helps you feel God's peace most?

December 8 – A Faithful God

Scripture (ESV): Lamentations 3:22–23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Every new sunrise brings a fresh drop of grace—like dew that sparkles on brand new leaves. It's God's way of saying, "I'm here, and I'm not done working in your life."

God's faithfulness is steady and sure, even when we feel weary.

Application Question: When have you recently seen evidence of God's renewing mercy?

December 9 – God With Us

Scripture (ESV): Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel."

Immanuel means "God with us." Jesus came close, choosing nearness over distance.

His presence brings comfort and courage wherever we go.

Application Question: How does knowing God is with you change your day?

December 10 – Humble Beginnings

Scripture (ESV): Luke 2:7 "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger."

Our Savior came quietly—softly, under the hush of a humble manger. His first bed was a place for sheep, not kings. Isn't it amazing how small beginnings can hold such big promises?

The image of His arrival reminds us that beauty often grows out of simplicity.

Application Question: Where can you cherish simple moments today?

December 11 – Good News for All

Scripture (ESV): Luke 2:10 "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

The angel's message was filled with joy and hope.

Jesus came for everyone, so that all of us can experience that joy.

Application Question: How can you share joy with someone today?

December 12 – Shepherds and Wonder

Scripture (ESV): Luke 2:15 "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened."

The shepherds were filled with wonder and curiosity, hurrying off to see what God had done. Maybe you find yourself feeling that same mix of excitement and questions.

Their journey reminds us to follow God's invitation with openness and a desire to understand.

Application Question: What step of faith can you take today?

December 13 – A Song of Praise

Scripture (ESV): Luke 1:46 "My soul magnifies the Lord."

Mary's words are a sweet song of gratitude.

Her praise teaches us to celebrate God's goodness.

Application Question: What is one way you can praise God today?

December 14 – Rest for the Weary

Scripture (ESV): Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Jesus promises that tired hearts can find rest in Him.

His gentle care renews our strength.

Application Question: What do you need to release into Jesus' care?

December 15 – Guiding Star

Scripture (ESV): Matthew 2:2 "We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

God's light guided the wise men straight to the Savior.

He still guides us when we seek Him.

Application Question: Where do you need God's guidance today?

December 16 – A Gift of Love

Scripture (ESV): John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son."

Jesus is love and a kept promise.

His sacrifice reminds us we are treasured beyond measure.

Application Question: How can you show love today?

December 17 – Quiet Miracles

Scripture (ESV): Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."

In quiet moments, we can experience God's peace.

Stillness helps our roots grow deeper in Him.

Application Question: How can you create a quiet moment today?

December 18 – A Heart of Gratitude

Scripture (ESV): 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Gratitude opens our eyes to blessings.

Thankfulness helps us with perspective.

Application Question: What are you grateful for today?

December 19 – Near and Faithful

Scripture (ESV): Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

God draws close when our hearts feel heavy.

His nearness brings comfort and hope.

Application Question: Where do you need God's closeness today?

December 20 – Watching and Waiting

Scripture (ESV): Mark 13:33 "Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come."

Advent reminds us to hope.

Watching helps us stay alert.

Application Question: How can you stay spiritually attentive today?

December 21 – Peaceful Hearts

Scripture (ESV): John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

Jesus offers a peace that settles our worries.

His calm, steady presence encourages and refreshes us.

Application Question: What worry can you give to God today?

December 22 – Rejoicing Together

Scripture (ESV): Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

We are called to care for one another with kindness.

Sharing another person's joy and sorrow builds a loving connection.

Application Question: Who can you encourage today?

December 23 – Faithful Fulfillment

Scripture (ESV): Luke 1:37 "For nothing will be impossible with God."

God's promises never fail.

His power gives us the strength to trust Him.

Application Question: What promise of God brings you peace?

December 24 – Anticipation

Scripture (ESV): Luke 2:6 "And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth."

The world waited in expectation.

God's promise gave a reason for their hope.

Application Question: What are you quietly hopeful for this Christmas?

December 25 – Christ Is Born

Scripture (ESV): Luke 2:11 "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Today we celebrate the miracle of Jesus' birth. The One promised to rescue us, became like us.

His love and life are meant to change yours.

Application Question: How will you respond to the gift of Christ today?



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