

You Are Not Alone

The Word Made Flesh

Daily Devotional Dec. 30: God Became Like Us

Reading: *Hebrews 2:14-18*

The miracle of Christmas is that God didn't remain distant but chose to become one of us. Jesus experienced birth, childhood, awkward teenage years, rejection, and all the complexities of being human. He didn't observe our struggles from afar—He lived them. This means that when you face challenges today, you're not alone. Jesus understands your frustrations, your disappointments, and your joys because He walked in human shoes. Take comfort knowing that the God of the universe found you worthwhile enough to spend an entire lifetime experiencing what it means to be human. You are valued beyond measure.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life do you need to remember that Jesus truly understands your experience?

Daily Devotional Dec. 31: God Is with Us in Our Suffering

Reading: *Isaiah 53:3-5*

"Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." Suffering is not a sign of God's absence but often a place of profound divine presence. Jesus doesn't promise to remove all adversity, but He promises to be with us through it. When you hurt, God hurts. Your pain becomes God's pain. This doesn't mean God causes suffering, but that God brings redemptive purpose from it. In your darkest moments, you can actually draw closer to God in ways you never imagined. Nothing—absolutely nothing—can separate you from God's love, especially not your suffering.

Reflection Question: How have you experienced God's presence during a difficult season in your life?

Daily Devotional Jan. 1: Freedom from the Fear of Death

Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

Christmas celebrates birth because without birth, there could be no resurrection. Jesus conquered death, and this victory begins in a manger. The fear of death holds many people captive—fear of the unknown, fear of loss, fear of endings. But in Christ, death has lost its sting. This isn't just about what happens after we die; it's about living freely now. When we trust that God has overcome death, we can live boldly, love generously, and serve courageously. We've seen God fulfill promises throughout history. Why not trust God with our future? This freedom is a gift worth celebrating every day.

Reflection Question: What fears are you holding onto that God is inviting you to release?

Daily Devotional Jan. 2: Love Came Down at Christmas

Reading: *John 1:1-14*

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." This is the heart of Christmas—love taking on human form. God didn't send a message, a philosophy, or a set of rules. God sent Love itself, wrapped in human flesh, vulnerable and accessible. Jesus came purely out of love for you. Not because you earned it, not because you're perfect, but simply because God loves you. This love changes everything. It transforms how we see ourselves, how we treat others, and how we move through the world. As you ponder this Christmas miracle, let it sink deep into your heart: you are loved beyond measure.

Reflection Question: How does knowing God's love is unconditional change the way you live today?

Daily Devotional Jan. 3: Sharing the Love We've Received***Reading: 1 John 4:7-12***

Mary pondered the miraculous events surrounding Jesus's birth, treasuring them in her heart. We too are called to ponder what Christ's coming means for us—and then share it. The love that came down at Christmas isn't meant to stay hidden. When God changes us, when we experience divine presence in our suffering, when we discover freedom from fear, we have a story to tell. Look for opportunities this week to share how God has changed you for the better, how Christ has shown you a better path. In sharing God's love, we multiply it, spreading the Christmas miracle throughout the year.

Reflection Question: With whom can you share the story of God's love in your life this week?