God With Us

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READ Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph's plans were interrupted by news he could not have anticipated. In the middle of his confusion, an angel explained that Mary's son would be called Jesus because He would save His people from their sins. Matthew also calls Him Immanuel: God with us. These names tell us both why Jesus came and who He is. He is not distant from human vulnerability. He entered a world of complicated relationships, costly obedience, and real hardship. If this season brings loneliness or uncertainty, Immanuel matters. You are not asked to walk through your days as though God has remained far away. In Jesus, God has drawn near to accomplish our rescue and promises His presence to those who belong to Him.

REFLECT

Where do you need to remember today that God has not remained distant?

PRAY

Immanuel, remind us of Your nearness and give us courage to obey You.