

“The Wonder of a Promise”
The Wonder of Christmas Sermon Series
December 11, 2016 – The Third Week of Advent

Recap

Jesus’ name means, “_____”

Say yes to your new name, _____ meaning “Christ-follower”

Promises

We’ve become desensitized to _____

A _____ is only as good as the _____ who makes it

Promises we should be wary of:

-“I will _____ you back.”

-“It won’t be like _____ time.”

-“I won’t _____ anyone.”

We lump _____ promises in with all the rest

Joseph

In Matthew he is _____ to Mary when she becomes pregnant

He plans to _____ her quietly

He learns about God’s promise:

“...They shall name him _____,”
which means, “God is _____ us.”

Matthew 1:23

“But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’ He said, ‘I will be _____ you...’”

Exodus 3:12

God’s _____ is his _____

God’s presence moved from with _____, to the _____, to _____,
to with _____

If we expect God to be with us, others should expect us to be with them

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“_____ people don’t need a doctor, but _____ people do.”

Matthew 9:12 (CEB)

Action Step: Be with others

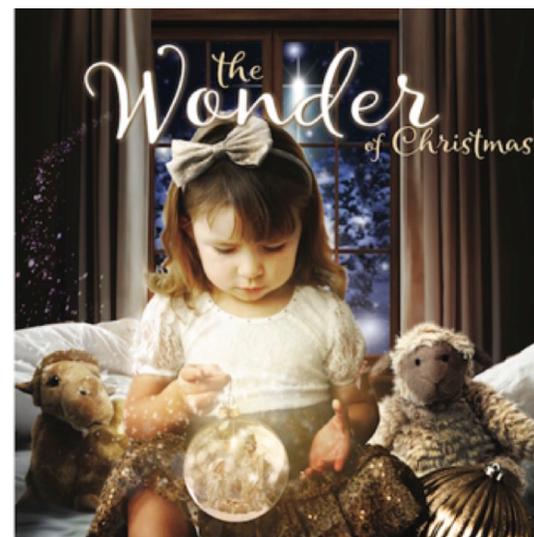
- _____ those we want to be with

-People who need _____ are the hardest to _____

-Don’t be _____ them, be _____ them

“They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one _____ a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.”

Job 2:13



An angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.

Matthew 1: 20b-24



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