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The DEEPER Life: ACCEPT HIS LOVE

Advent and Christmas are times of love. I challenge us all not to miss the true story of love this season. The story of true, faithful, unending, sacrificial love. God's love in sending Jesus is the one love that changes everything.

Love has been God's story from the beginning. From the moment of creation, God's love was part of the fabric of our world. God's love was in the Garden of Eden both before and after sin entered the world. God showed His love throughout the Old Testament in the lives of people like Moses, Noah, David, and Isaiah just to name a few. Then His love turned the world inside out when He sent His Son to live among us–the God of the universe to be born in a stable, die on the cross, and rise again from the grave. God's love was sent to disrupt and overturn the power of death and evil.

Think about this, the God of the universe loves you so much that He left everything to be with you, to sacrifice His life that you could be with Him. So, what do we do with this gift of love?

God loved the world. He gave His Son. When we accept that gift and believe in Him, we are given His life–salvation and eternal life. Many of you may know exactly what I'm talking about because you have accepted this gift of love somewhere in the past. However, some of you may not have experienced the acceptance of His love for you through His Son Jesus Christ. No matter what challenges or hurts you hold, God's love can handle them and heal them. Wherever you are as you are reading this, I encourage you to accept the gift of God's love. Let this season of Advent be one of accepting the love and salvation God offers in His Son.