



Merry Christmas
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// Bible References: Gal 5:1; Matt 1:20-23; Isaiah 7:2,9,11-14, Acts 17

// Community Question: What is your favorite Christmas Carol and why?

// Discussion Questions

1. How does Shannon's story of finding freedom from human trafficking demonstrate "Be Free" and God's presence in our darkest moments? When have you experienced God's presence in what felt like an impossible situation?
2. Jim shared his personal journey through back surgery and recovery. How does his experience illustrate the concept of 'God with us' (Immanuel)? How might viewing God as walking alongside you rather than just watching from above change how you approach difficulties?
3. The sermon emphasizes that Christmas is about God coming to us when we couldn't get to Him. Why is this concept central to understanding both Christmas and our daily struggles?
4. **Going Deeper:** Read Isaiah 7:9. Isaiah says, 'If you are not firm in faith, you will not be firm at all.' How does this apply to facing seemingly impossible challenges in our lives? What current situation in your life requires you to stand firm in faith even when you can't see the way forward?

// Challenge: What is your "I don't know if I can do it anymore" situation? How can this group specifically pray for you this week so you can know and feel that God is with you?