

# LOVE

***If you have an Advent wreath, go ahead and light all four of the candles, remembering hope, peace, joy, and now, love. If you don't have an Advent wreath, find any candle and light it before reading this devotion.***

This final week of Advent urges us to remember love.

1 John 4:19 says, "We love because he first loved us."

We love.

As God's kids, that's simply who we are. We are called to love.

Love can look like a whole lot of things - showing up, listening, making a meal, lending a truck, spending unhurried time with people, the list goes on.

But we are only able to do this because we *are loved*. You are deeply loved by the God who knows every inch of your heart. You are deeply loved by the God who knows exactly how many hairs are on your head. You are deeply loved by the God who chose to send his Son to earth to be born, live, die, and rise again - all for our sake.

He is still faithful. He is still good. And no matter how you're feeling this Christmas, you are still incredibly loved by Him.

This week, remember you are loved. Fully. No matter what. And then from that knowledge, from that confidence, love.

Because, as God's beloved kids, that's what we do. We love.

## **READ:**

1 John 4:7-21

Psalm 139

Matthew 1:18-24

## **DISCUSS/REFLECT:**

What word or phrase in these verses stands out to me the most?

How did Joseph show love to Mary?

How did Joseph show love to God?

How will you show some love this week?