

God is with You

PART 1

Immanuel—The Strong God With Us



Why Celebrate Advent?

To regularly remind us of a truth we tend to neglect: **God is with us!**



"Therefore, the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:14



The Setting

"During the reign of King Ahaz of Judah, King Pekah of Israel and King Rezin of Syria attacked Jerusalem. But the city stood. However, when the royal court of Judah realized that Syria was allied with Israel, the hearts of both king and people trembled with fear as the trees of a forest shake in a storm."

Isaiah 7:1-2



A King in Panic Mode

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Isaiah 7:2



God's Word for a Worried King

"Listen up and calm down. Don't be afraid; don't panic over these two burnt-out kings. They talk big but there's nothing to them. They've plotted to do you harm. They've conspired against you, saying, 'Let's go to war against Judah, and take it over', yet God says, 'It won't happen. Nothing will come of it. But Ahaz, if you don't take your stand in faith, you won't have a leg to stand on.'"

Isaiah 7:4-9 (The Message)

GOD'S WORD FOR MY WORRIES

1 God always has a word for

Lord said to Isaiah, "Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct. Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stumps of firewood.'"

Isaiah 7:3-4



A Living Reminder

Isaiah

Shear-Jashub

"Yahweh is salvation." "A remnant shall remain."

In my moment of crisis,
God will save and preserve.

God always has a word of deliverance for my difficulty; a promise to bring me through my problems.

GOD'S WORD FOR MY WORRIES

2 God is always bigger than what I fear.

"Calm down and be quiet. Don't be afraid of these two burnouts."

Isaiah 7:3-4



Do I really think that what I fear — a health crisis, an addiction, an emotional challenge, a family mess, a financial concern

— is bigger than my God?

No matter how big my problem is, my God is bigger still.

A Divine Warning

"If you don't take your stand in faith, you won't have a leg to stand on."

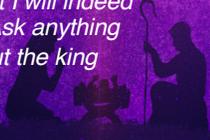
Isaiah 7:9



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"Ask me for a sign, Ahaz, to prove that I will indeed crush your enemies as I have said. Ask anything you like, in heaven or on earth.' But the king refused:

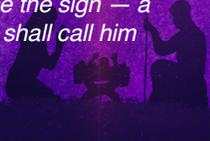


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"So Isaiah said: 'You exhaust my patience; God's, too! All right, the Lord himself will choose the sign — a child shall be born to a virgin! And she shall call him

Immanuel.'"
Isaiah 7:10-14



The Sign of Immanuel

Immanuel
"The strong God with us."

God himself is coming to stay!

The Advent Reminder

God is now with me! He will do whatever he wills to do—even the impossible.

In times difficulty, I can expect a word, look for divine solution, and ask for sign that **God is with me.**

Immanuel

The strong God is with me!

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