

## Advent Love 12/21/2025 Reflection Questions:

- Discuss this definition of Love: "Love is the sacrificial commitment to the well-being of another." How is this definition different from what the American culture promotes?
- 2. Did any of these points of the first Christmas resonate with you?
  - a. Love comes down
  - b. Love relates
  - c. Love sacrifices
- 3. What emotions do you think Joseph felt the moment he learned Mary was pregnant?
- 4. What assumptions would Joseph have been tempted to make about Mary—and about God?
- 5. What does Joseph's plan to divorce Mary quietly reveal about his character?
- 6. Why do you think God allowed Joseph to sit in uncertainty before speaking in a dream?
- 7. What would it have taken for Joseph to believe Mary's explanation before the angel appeared?
- 8. What would daily obedience have looked like for Joseph after the initial decision?
- 9. How did Joseph's obedience involve surrendering control over his future?
- 10. What do you think Joseph would say to others facing obedience that feels costly and misunderstood?
- How do you think this moment redefined for Joseph what it means to be righteous before God?