

LOVE {all}

The Christmas story is a love story. Scripture's grand story of God getting his long-since-fallen people back takes a turn at the manger. It continues with the cross and our Savior's perfect love transforming even the most tragic defeat into the ultimate victory.

This is a season for love to triumph. It's a season for love to make anything possible. Beyond the white-noise of holiday frenzy, God has never stopped inviting us into his heart. We know how our love story ends. It ends with God and the Church inviting all who are thirsty to drink of the free gift of the water of life. The door to this possibility opens in a manger.

We tell the story of Christmas with our lives. It can be about the prophets or about the profits. It can be about a newborn king or a gift-wrapped box and a thing. It can be about time spent with our families and clean water for the least of these, or about shopping, lines, payments, and fines. It can start at the manger and end with redemption, or start at the mall and end with convention. It's not that there's something wrong with the shopping mall—it's that the better story is about *loving all*.



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