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Observation: What is happening here?

Isaiah 7:10-16 - God promises Immanuel

- A virgin will conceive and bear a son named Immanuel; God with us. (*Isaiah 7:10-16*, our scripture reading today)
- This prophecy points to Christ's incarnation, God entering our world as a human being. (Matthew 1:18-25 and John 1:1-5)
- Psalm 80:1-7 shows the Psalmist who cries out for God to restore His people and make His face shine upon them.
- Paul describes the gospel of God's Son, descended from David, declared Son of God. (*Romans 1:1-7*)

Emmanuel God with us

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Interpretation: What can we learn?

Love means God comes near

- Immanuel means God is with us. He is present in our lives, not distant or far away.
- The incarnation is the ultimate proof of God's love: He enters our mess and gives us the opportunity to respond to Him.
- *Scriptures: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; John 1:14; Philippians 2:6-8*

Love saves us from our sins

- Jesus' name means '*the Lord saves*'; His mission is salvation available for all, not condemnation. God desires for all to save, let us respond.
- Christ came to fulfill promise and prophecy, offering salvation through faith in Him. God does not force us, he offers us the ability to respond.
- *Scriptures: Matthew 1:21; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:9-10; Titus 3:4-5; Revelation 21:22-23*

Response to this love is trust

- Mary and Joseph trusted God even when it seemed impossible, following God when they did not understand.
- Love responds to God's plan with 'yes,' even when it disrupts our own.
- *Scriptures: Matthew 1:24; Luke 1:38; James 1:22; John 14:15*

Application: How should we live?

Embrace Emmanuel's presence

- Practice '**God with me**' awareness. Recognize that God is here with us; in the morning, in the evening, on a drive, or simply enjoying nature.
- Share with someone what it means to you that God is near in Jesus.
- *Scriptures: Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5; Joshua 1:9; Deuteronomy 31:6*

Receive the gift of salvation

- If you've never accepted Jesus' salvation, do so today: receive His love. Believe in the Lord and be saved (John 3:16).
- If you have a relationship with Him, thank Him specifically for saving you. Share the love of Christ with someone. Live this love of Christ.
- *Scriptures: John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8-9*

Follow the Lord like Mary and Joseph

- Identify one clear command of God you've been avoiding and obey it this week. God calls for us to know, grow and do good in His name.
- Consider the story of Mary and Joseph: It took daring faith. God works behind the scenes in ways we may not know or understand.
- *Scriptures: Matthew 1:24; 1 Samuel 15:22; John 14:21; Luke 6:46*

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