

Kailua Christian Church  
Sunday Message  
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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Jesus' Gifts of Christmas  
Message series**

**Love**

***Power to Belong***

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” John 3:16*

**Jesus' Power of Belonging Changes My Life When I...**

**I. Welcome His personal presence**

*“Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:<sup>23</sup> “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, ”which means, “God is with us.” Matthew 1:19-23*

- **Receiving** \_\_\_\_\_ **Resistant**
- **Where would you place yourself on this continuum, Why?**
- **What questions do you hold?**

## **II. Respond to His kind encouragement**

“They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd My people Israel.’” Matthew 2:5-6

- **How has kindness encouraged you?**

## **III. Give His unconditional love without exception**

*“The angel said, “Don’t be afraid. I’m here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David’s town, a Savior who is Messiah and Master.” Luke 2:10-11*

- **Who are you being challenged by with Jesus unconditional love? Can you welcome Jesus help with them?**