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## The Names of Love - Part 19 – Immanuel

Mt. 1:23, “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call Him Immanuel (which means “God is with us”).

The Name of God in this passage is Immanuel; The Lord is with us.

One of the most beautiful names of Jesus, Immanuel is literally translated with us is God. I love how Ann Spangler describes this name: When our sins made it impossible for us to come to Him, God took the outrageous step of coming to us, of making Himself susceptible to sorrow, familiar with temptation, and vulnerable to sin’s disruptive power, in order to cancel its claim.

Now get this thought: Immanuel didn’t just come to live amongst the peoples in the Middle East over two thousand years ago. He came to dwell with us all right now, right where you live and work and exist. He came to allow us to know intimately and personally, a God Who we could not see, nor seem to picture in our hearts and minds. He is now available to all who will call upon Him. God did not abandon us nor will He ever, instead He came so that we could see Him, hear Him, and experience His presence.

John 1:14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”

Read through the words of this song by MercyMe:

Lord You know  
Our hearts don't deserve Your glory  
Still You show  
A love we cannot afford  
Like hinges straining from the weight  
My heart no longer can keep from singing  
All that is within me cries  
For You alone be glorified  
Emmanuel  
God with us  
My heart sings a brand new song  
The debt is paid these chains are gone  
Emmanuel  
God with us

Dear Immanuel, Thank You for coming to live with me. I can see You and feel You in my life, right here, right now. Thank You for Your promise that You will never leave me or forsake me. Why? Because You love me. In Jesus Name, Amen