Sunday, November 27

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The Gift of Presence

Matthew 1:18-25

FULL TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25

FOCUS: Matthew 1:22-23

Understanding presence:

* God with us.
* Us with God.
* Me with you.

God is omnipresent – in *all* places, at *all* times.

REFERENCE: Psalm 139:7-12, Jeremiah 23:23-24

When God seems absent, ask…

1. Do I have any stubborn or unconfessed sin?
2. Am I trusting emotion rather than God’s truth?
3. What can I learn in waiting for the Lord in this season?

The presence of God fully with us allows us to be fully present with others.

When balancing presence and purpose, ask…

1. Do I value productivity over people?
2. Do I value what people can do for me over who they are?
3. Do I value thinking about what’s next over being present where I am?

God has purpose in His presence with us, so that we can have purpose in our presence with others.