

GOD CAME NEAR
We Need a Little Christmas – Part 2

ON TV/OUTLINE: “2 I will make you into a **GREAT NATION**, and I will bless you; I will make your **NAME GREAT**, and you will be a blessing. 3 ... And **ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH** will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:2-3

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ON TV: Why God in the **BODY OF A BABY**?

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ON TV: God **NEEDED** Christmas.

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ON TV: Why in the world did Jesus have to **DIE**?

ON TV: Nobody would have **BELIEVED** him.

ON TV: Because God is the author of **LIFE**. God is the author of **YOUR LIFE**.

ON TV: When you dishonor the **ORIGINATOR** of life, you dishonor **GOD**.

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ON TV/OUTLINE: “14 You **DISOWNED** the Holy and Righteous one and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You **KILLED** the author of life, **BUT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD.** We are witnesses of this.” Acts 3:14-15

ON TV/OUTLINE: **KEY TRUTH:** You cannot demonstrate love without **SACRIFICE**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “7 **VERY RARELY** will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates **HIS OWN LOVE FOR US** in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:7-8

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ON TV/OUTLINE: “20 The angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph. ‘Joseph son of David do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give Him the name **JESUS** because he will **SAVE** his people from their sins.’ 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet, 23 ‘The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, **GOD WITH US.**’” Matthew 1:20-23

ON TV/OUTLINE: **BOTTOM LINE:** He had to be **WITH** us so that we could know that He was **FOR** us.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *“For God so **LOVED** the world that He **GAVE** His only son, that whoever **BELIEVES IN** Him, would not perish but would be given the life they don’t deserve. John 3:16*