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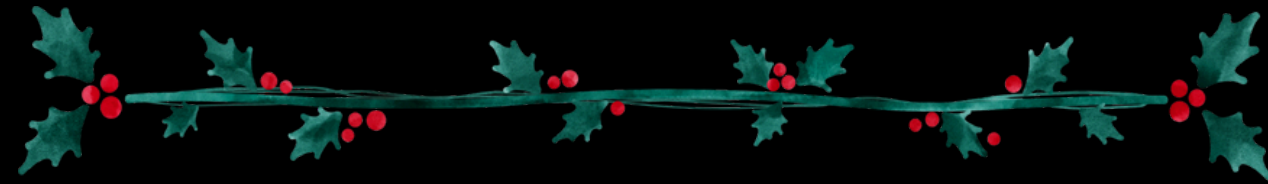
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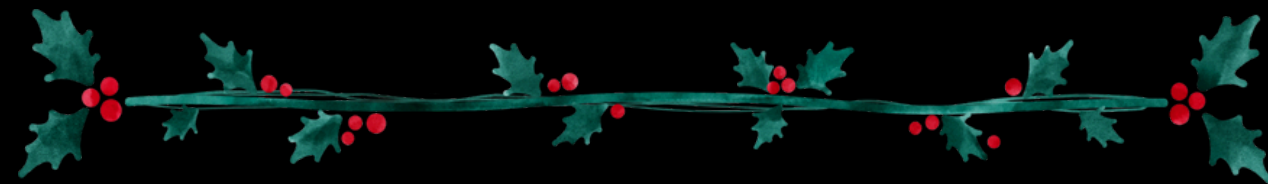
Now as you excel in everything—in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us—excel also in this act of grace. I am not saying this as a command.

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Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.



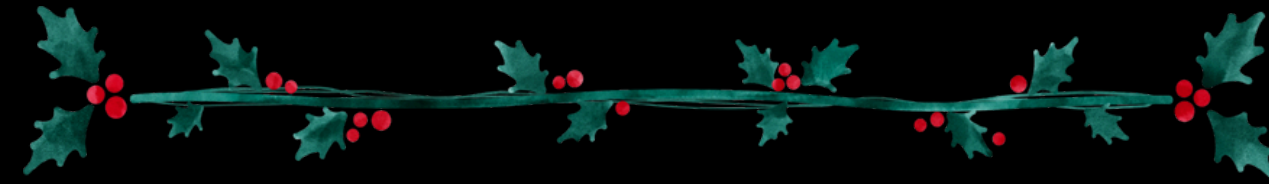
**God gave us what we didn't ask for,
because He saw what we actually needed.**



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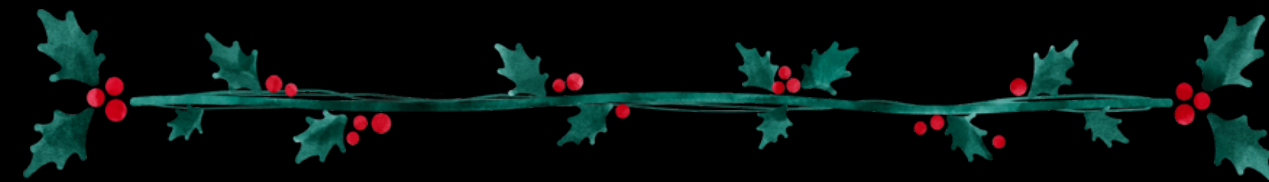
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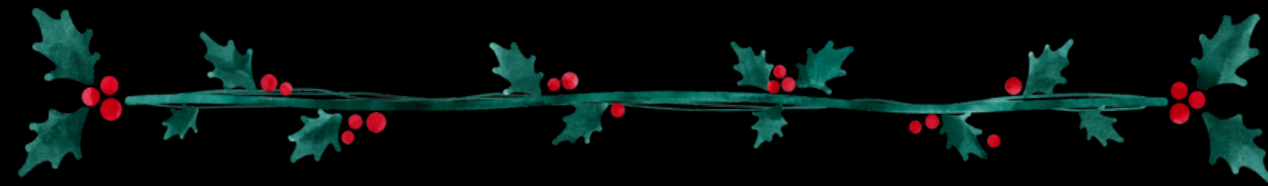
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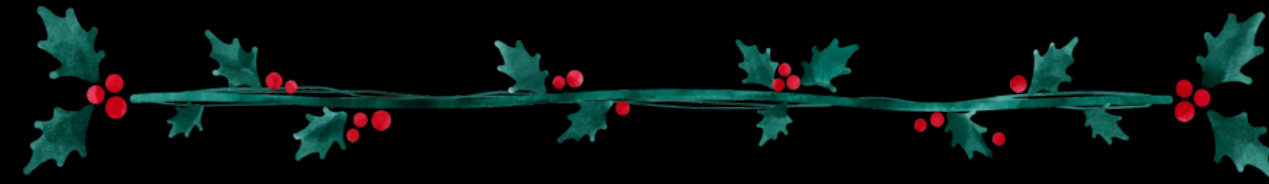




**Christianity doesn't begin with,
"Fix yourself and then God will love you."**

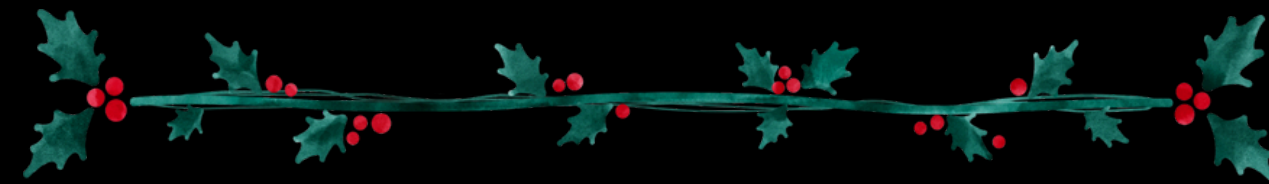
**It starts with,
"You are loved, and that love is what
makes change possible."**





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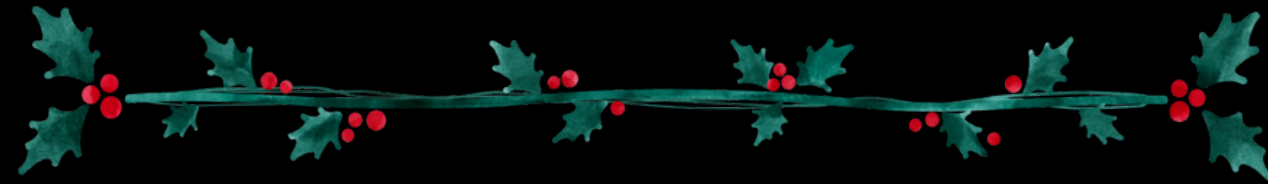
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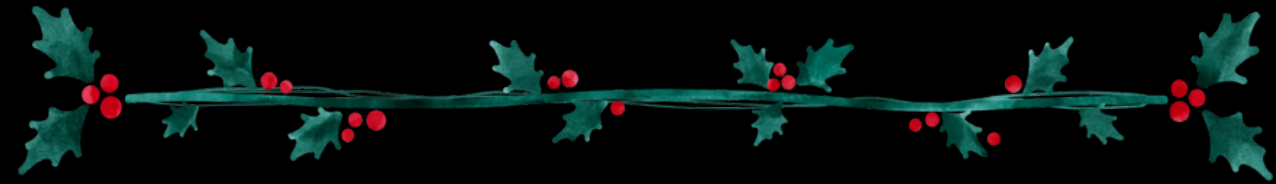
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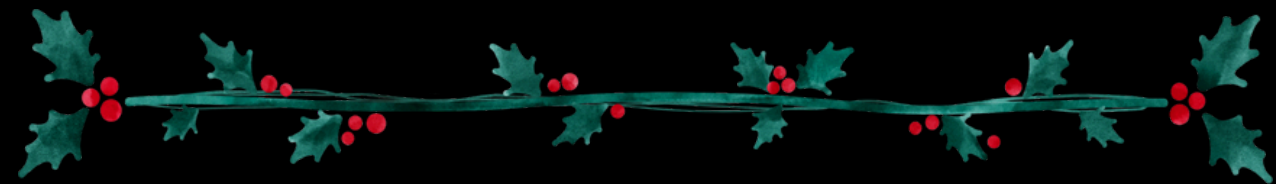
Jesus came as a **sacrificial** giver

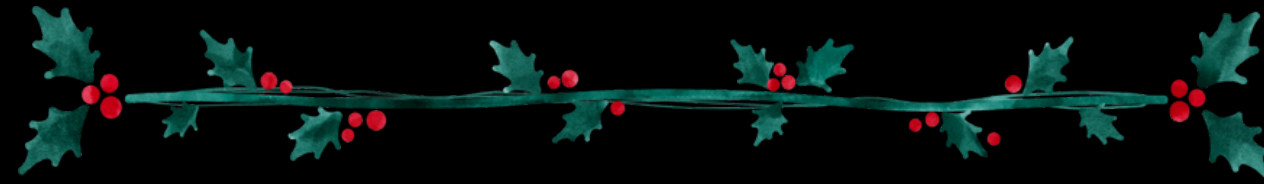




Christmas is not God sending help.

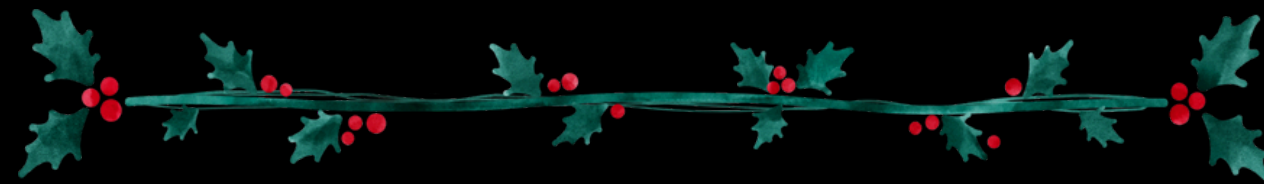
It's God entering our condition.





#2B

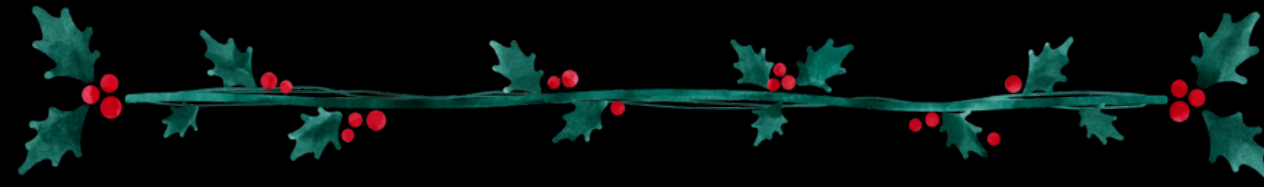
Jesus came as a **substitutional** giver



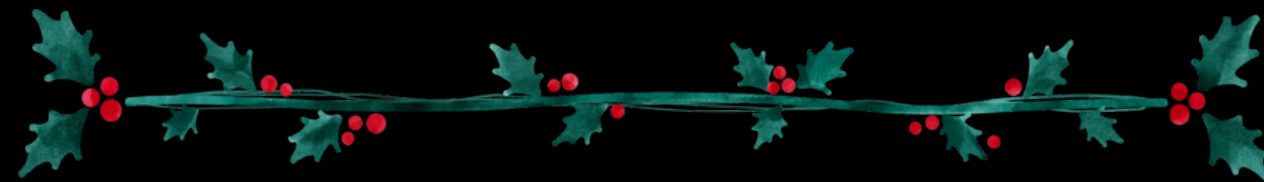
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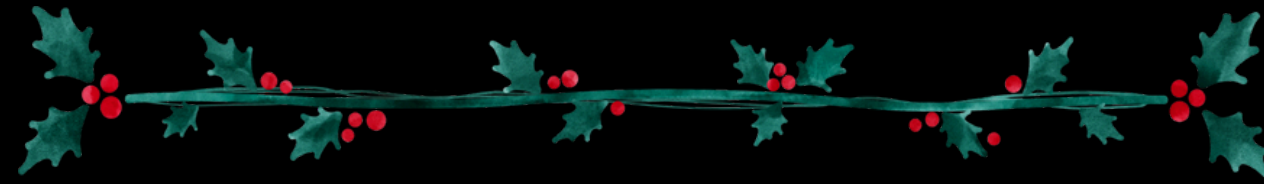
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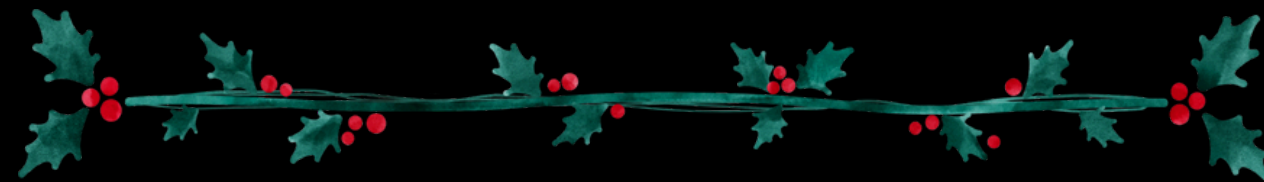
The riches Jesus gives are relational, spiritual, and eternal. They are the kind that actually change life when it falls apart.

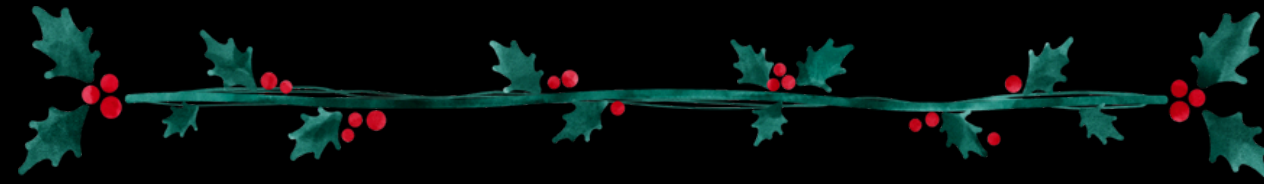




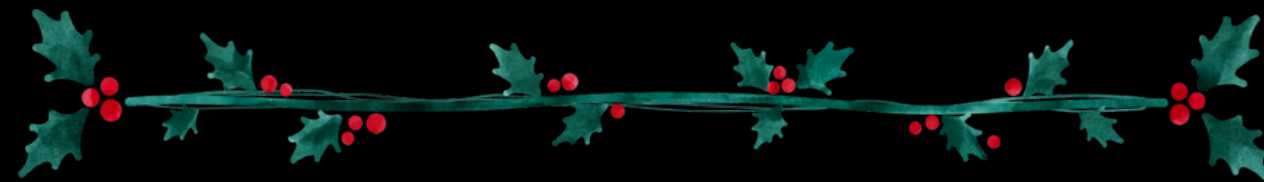
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**Christianity is about knowing God, being known by
Him, and walking with Him in real life.**





**Receiving the gift starts with:
open hands, honest trust, and willingness to let
Jesus lead.**



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