"MY GOD…THAT IS WHO YOU ARE"

WAY MAKER – MIRACLE WORKER – PROMISE KEEPER – LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

MESSAGE: "WAY MAKER"

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In this series, we will invite you to _____ and _____ to choose Jesus, and only Jesus, as your **WAY MAKER, MIRACLE WORKER, PROMISE KEEPER,** and **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS**

[Jesus] "*I am **the way**, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.*" JN 14:6

- **"Way Maker"** = "one that makes a road (way)," Merriam-Webster
- In the early church, believers were called ***"followers of the way"*** [Acts 9:2]
- Soon, they were called Christians (**Christ-like-ones**) because they imitated their leader, Christ. [Acts 11:26]
- "*If we wish to be truly enlightened and free from all blindness of heart, let our chief effort, therefore, be to study the life of Jesus Christ.*" THOMAS A KEMPIS, *THE IMITATION OF CHRIST*

*An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for **he will save his people from their sins**." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: 'Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means God is with us.'"* MATT 1:20-23

"*When we were **utterly helpless**, **Christ came** at just the right time and died for us sinners.*" ROM 5:6, NLT

"*God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me.*" DON MOEN, 1992

"*Even when I don't see it, You're working… Even when I don't feel it, You're working… You never stop… You never stop working.*" MICHAEL W. SMITH, *WAY MAKER*

AS THE WAY MAKER, JESUS INVITES US TO A BETTER WAY…

1. **To** _____

   "***Seek the Kingdom of God** above all else, and **live righteously**, and he will give you everything you need.*" MATT 6:33

   "***If you need wisdom, ask** our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*" JAS 1:5

   "***Give all** your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.*" 1 PET 5:7

   "*Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old **life** is gone; a new **life** has begun!*" 2 COR 5:17

2. **To** _____

   "*This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins. Dear friends, **since God loved** us that much, we surely ought to **love each other**.*" 1 JN 4:10-11, NLT

   "*Live a life **filled with love**, following the example of Christ.*" EPH 5:2

   "*What is important is **faith expressing itself in love**.*" GAL 5:6

   "*Don't just **pretend to love** others. **Really love them.** Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.*" ROM 12:9

3. **To** _____

   "*For to me, living means **living for Christ**.*" PHIL 1:21, NLT

   "*God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might **have eternal life** through him.*" 1 JN 4:9

   "*And this is the way to have **eternal life**—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.*" JN 17:3

   "*For the wages of sin is death, but the **free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.***" ROM 6:23, NLT

This Christmas, above anything else…above anyone else…You are invited to **KNOW** and **FOLLOW** Jesus as your **WAY MAKER.**

CHOOSE JESUS and **ALLOW JESUS** to be your **WAY MAK**ER