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Greetings,

I hope you find this devotional helpful in your daily journey. Let me know what you think.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

## A Reflection: Love

Greetings:

This past Sunday, we heard God’s answer to the ultimate question of the universe: Love. For those who find that this does not answer their questions, as a professor I knew would occasionally respond, you’re asking the wrong question. God’s response to our broken predicament is not in words, but in God’s own presence revealed in Jesus. What stories we have are simply a means to clarify His coming. Like receiving a medication for an illness, we receive directions on the label of the bottle, but ultimately we need to take what is inside – not just know how to administer it. So too, Christmas is about letting love take purchase in your soul and then living your life differently because of that experience. As it is stated in the epistle of John: “Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone

who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love (1 John 4:7-8 (NRSV)).” My prayer for you this Christmas season is that you will get a glimpse of the profound love that God has for you...and in that moment receive what God has for *you*.

Blessings, Pastor Dan



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# Upcoming Dates

Monday: Bounty Food Bank - 9 am to Noon, Volunteers welcomed.

Friday: Bounty Food Bank: needs Volunteers every Friday for food pickup and storage help. Call 253-335-7860.

Next Sunday: Choir Practice 10:00

- Worship Service 11:00
- "The Blanket Brigade!" continues will continue through December 25th. Please bring new or clean, gently used Blankets and Tarps to the church. This year we are also collecting new or clean, gently used Sleeping Bags, Coats, Gloves/Mittens, Stocking Hats and Scarves. Collection box and shelves are in the Friendship Room.
- The Longest Night Service: Friday, December 21st, 7pm. This is particularly helpful for those that have lost love ones during the Christmas season
- Kids Movie (upstairs) and Adult Game Nite (downstairs): Saturday, December 22nd, 3pm - Check with Danielle or Bela.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: Monday, December 24th, 11pm

Please keep in your prayers...

Judy Egan

James & Jenifer Angus

Mary Egeland

Danielle - and family

Liz Best - thankfully she is at home now, but could still use prayers for healing

For Jonathan Albert Short's family