

## Next Steps

**“Next Steps”** are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week and linked to Sunday’s message. Below you’ll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church, and the world.

### **December 11, 2022 - The Angels of Christmas – The Angel Speaks to Joseph**

Read **Matthew 1:18-25**

Why did Joseph not dismiss Mary when the law told him to? Why did God not dismiss Joseph?

When have you wanted to dismiss God and walk away from His word, purpose, and plan? What did you do?

In the busyness of these next two weeks, ask God to speak to you. Listen for God in His word, the music you will hear, the movies you will watch, and the schedule that you keep.

Instead of living out the letter of law, Joseph lived out the spirit of the law and chose to love. Consider these times when Jesus also lived by the spirit of the law:

- **Mark 3:1-6**
- **Luke 13:10-17**
- **Luke 6:1-5**
- **Luke 18:16**
- **John 4:1-26**

What is one intentional way you can love God during these next two weeks?

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What is one intentional way you can love others during these next two weeks?

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Put your love into action. *“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”* 1 John 3:18