

God with Us Brings Love

Day 10 ABIDING LOVE

So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:16)

How are your houseplants? Those with a green thumb probably have flourishing green plants providing new oxygen, beautiful flowers, and a thriving sense of life to their home. Maybe their Christmas poinsettias will live through the entire year. Others of us may know well the site of withering leaves and decaying stalks of struggling, dying flora. We all know that plants need the nourishment of good soil, strong roots, and ample water and light to grow and thrive. To become disconnected from the source of these - or to have an owner who fails to provide them – means decline and eventual death.

We are not much different. We must remain rooted in and connected to our source of life and love: God. John wrote that when we live – or abide - in love, we live in God. Jesus said that we are branches, and He is the vine (John 15:5). We need to draw love and life from all that He provides. His supply never runs out. God with Us never neglects His own. He gives His love in abundance to flow through us and sustain us and allow us to flourish. This is the life that Jesus brought at that first Christmas and the life that he continually fills us with, flowing and fueled with love.

How is your Christmas season marked with love? What will you do to tap into the flow of God's sustaining love?