

עִמָּנוּאֵל 'immânû'êl
And with us (is) God; Immanuel.
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Throughout mankind's history, many acts of bravery had been performed by ordinary people. Things that supposedly couldn't happen did happen. Miracles took place on occasion in circumstances where there was no hope at all, and all of these miracles and acts of bravery happened because of the belief "Immanu-El"! The concept and belief that God resides with us is so powerful, that it will make a simple person become a giant. It will encourage the discouraged, and it will certainly strengthen the weak. It brings hope, it brings light, it brings comfort, and it gives a reason to live, a reason to go on even when there is a very small light at the end of the tunnel! The prophet Isaiah said, Isa 7:14: "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." According to the angel Gabriel, this "Immanu-El" baby, has the power to save people from their sins. What a wonderful Name! (Mathew 1:23). This Name gives life, (John 20:31). This "Immanu-El" can heal the sick and restore them back to society (Acts 3:6). According to Apostles, this very Name has the power to do signs and wonders. (Acts 4:30).

The bottom line is this: Whether we believe it or not, whether we accept it or not, this wonderful Name "Immanu-El" is still doing today all of the above because God is with us. God has never changed and He is still the same "yesterday, today and forever". So the question is not "is God still with us?", but rather, are we still with God? This season I want to challenge each one of us to stick with God and enjoy all the goodies that He has for all of us who believe in Him! His Name says it all: "God is with us"! Take advantage of it!

Merry Christmas from the Faith Center family to your family!

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