

ADVENT: A TIME IN BETWEEN

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A part of Advent spirituality is welcoming – on purpose – the discomfort of being “in between.” Like our Jewish ancestors, we may often find ourselves “in between” the remembrances of God’s caring call and the assurance of a good future we cannot now see.

I know I often say “I believe; help my unbelief.”

We started Advent this season at my Chicago church with a remembrance of God’s good creation, bringing Light and Order and Vision to our world. We pondered how that same God is Love Incarnate in Jesus, a Love that fully embraces our imperfections.

This past week, we lifted the promises of Hope, and listened to the wisdom of Zechariah’s prayer which blesses his son John’s mission. A mission that fulfills hope’s promise *with the forgiving Savior*. Ultimately, there is no hope for any of us without this forgiveness.

Wherever you find yourselves in the “in between” of the real world, may you savor or rediscover the wise way of this time: intentionally remembering God’s faithfulness and practicing a daily trust in Christ’s forgiving presence. In Light of this One, our future is indeed secure.

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