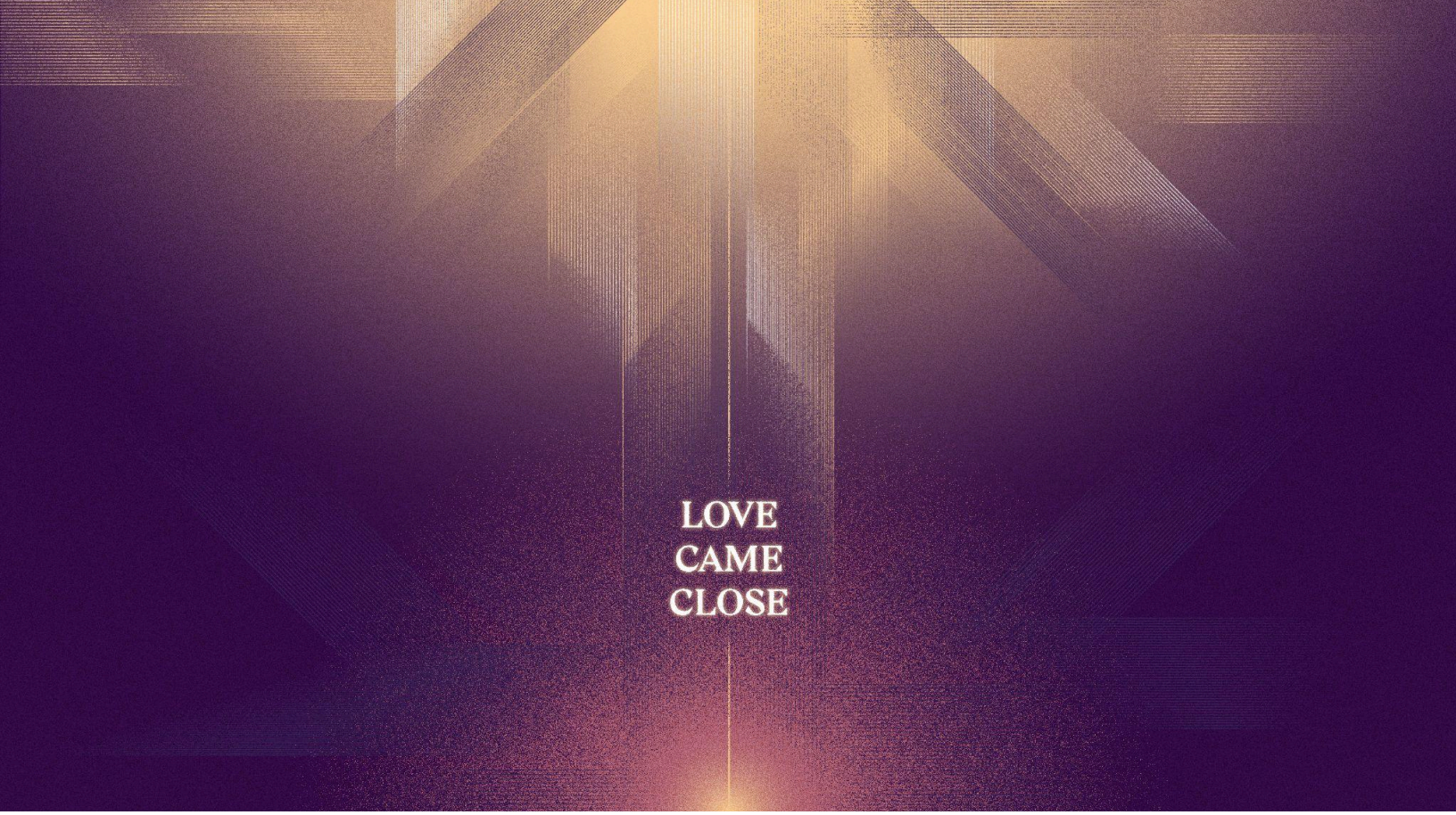


To the Brokenhearted
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Luke 7:11-17
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Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

“Advent is about anticipation, but it’s not a celebration. To the contrary, Advent is a season declaring things are not right. Advent is a season declaring we are not okay. Advent is a cry for help. So, if you’re coming into this season hopeless and threadbare, if you’re not

feeling the cheer, you're not 'doing Advent wrong.' You're greeting the season exactly as it was meant for. And God is here to meet you in whatever moment you're in."

- Stephanie Duncan Smith, *Even After Everything*

God meets us right where we are. Not where we pretend to be, or even where we think we should be.

Love Meets Loss

Luke 7:13
When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

Jesus doesn't just notice you; He sees you.

Life Meets Death

Luke 7:14
Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still.

Heaven Meets Earth

Luke 7:16-17
"A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

