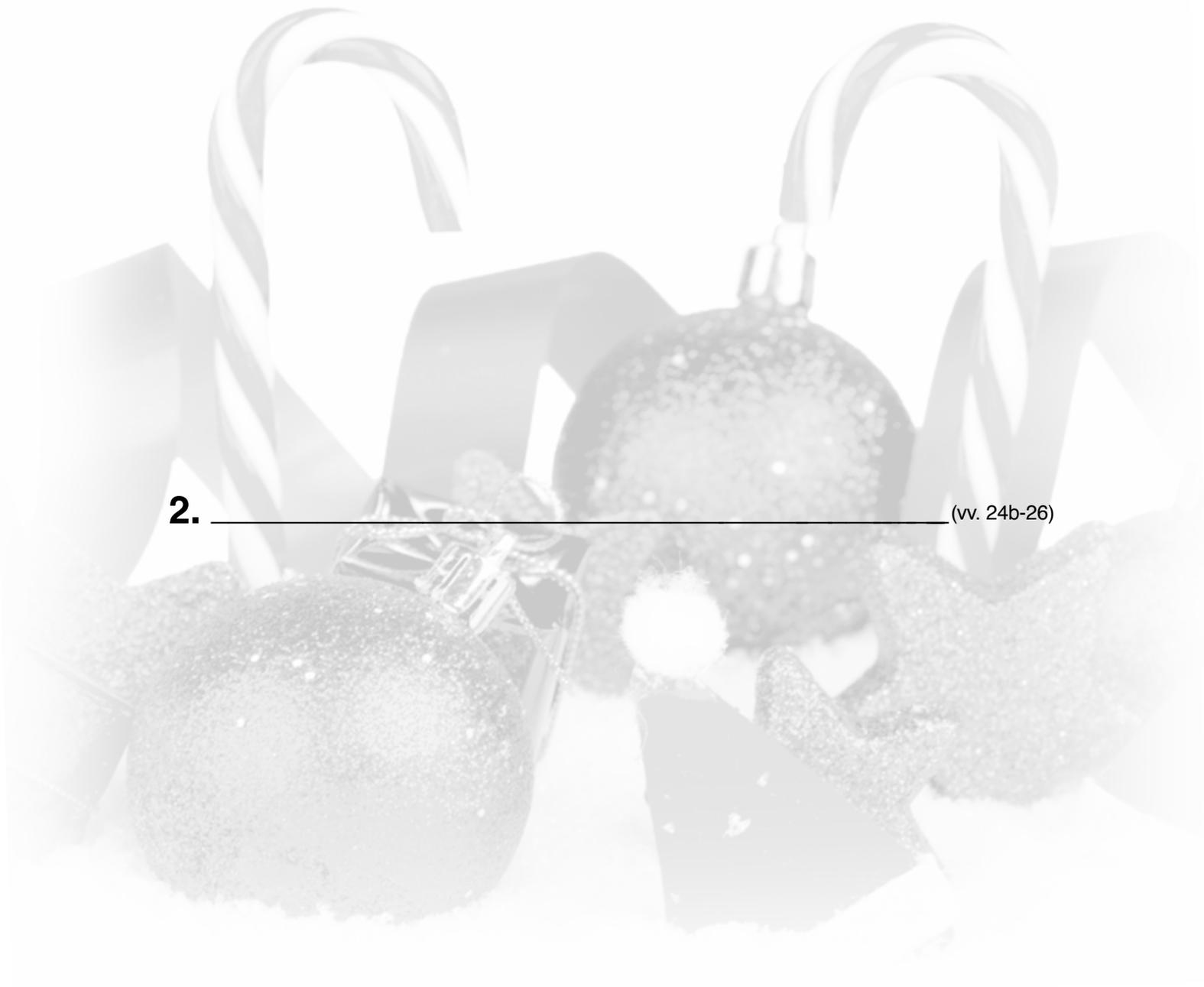


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1. _____ (vv. 22-24a)

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TAKE THE NEXT STEP...

These questions and daily devotions are provided for mid-week Community Group discussion and personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. You can also obtain this document in electronic form at www.pacificcoastchurch.org by clicking on the sermon tab.

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COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." ACTS 2:42

- pt. 1**
- Read Genesis 12:1-3, 26:1-6, 28:10-15, 50:22-23. What's the common theme? How does this highlight point #1?
 - How do you see this relating to Christmas? (Hint: Matthew 1:1-23) Why is this important to remember?
 - In what way does culture negate this? Be specific. What are some practical ways you can step into point #1?

- pt. 2**
- What promise was Joseph looking forward to when he died? (Genesis 48:21) How does this highlight point #2?
 - What connection is there between knowing God's promises and Christmas? Give an example.
 - How will God's promises help with spiritual growth? What promise will you grow in this week?

PERSONAL DAILY DEVOTIONS:

MONDAY – READ GENESIS 50:22-26, 1:26-28, 9:8-11, 12:1-3, 26:1-6, 28:10-15



- List the families represented in today's reading. What was God's common message to them?
- What does this tell you about God's plan of redemption and how it will be accomplished?
- How do you see culture challenging this today? How is your perspective being challenged?
- Advent Reading: Isaiah 42:1-7, Mark 10:45, Romans 5:6-8*

TUESDAY – READ GENESIS 50:22-26, MATTHEW 1:1-23, ACTS 2:38-39, 1 CORINTHIANS 7:13-14



- Why did Matthew present the genealogy of Jesus leading up to His birth?
- In what ways does this connect Genesis & Christmas? What does this teach about the value of family?
- What can happen when this is overlooked? How can you make your family more of a priority?
- Advent Reading: Psalm 23:1-3, Isaiah 55:1-2, John 4:7, 9-11, 13-14, John 7:37-39, Revelation 7:17*

WEDNESDAY - READ MATTHEW 12:46-50, 1 TIMOTHY 3:1-5, EPHESIANS 5:22-32



- What connection is made between family and church in today's reading? How do they model each other?
- How can an unhealthy family lead to an unhealthy church and vice versa? Give examples.
- What are you currently modeling in your approach to family? How is God challenging you to change?
- Advent Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-15, Psalm 23:1, Matthew 9:36, John 10:11, 14-17, 27-29, 1 Peter 2:25*

THURSDAY – READ GENESIS 50:22-26, 48:21, EXODUS 13:17-19, JOSHUA 24:32, HEBREWS 11:22



- What promise was Joseph looking forward to when he died? Why? When do you think it was fulfilled?
- How can God's promises bring strength and keep you trusting in Him? What can happen if you forget?
- How can timing cause you to doubt God's promises? How can you step into a God promise this week?
- Advent Reading: Luke 1:5-20, 22, 24*

FRIDAY – READ GENESIS 50:22-26, 2 PETER 1:4, HEBREWS 8:6-12, 9:15, JOHN 14:1-4, MATTHEW 28:20



- Why does God make promises? (i.e. for who?) What would happen if He didn't?
- What connection is there between knowing God's promises and spiritual growth? Give an example.
- List as many of God's promises that you can remember. What is God teaching you about spiritual growth?
- Advent Reading: Luke 1:26-38, 46-55, James 4:6*

SATURDAY – READ MATTHEW 6:31-33, 11:28-29, JOHN 14:27, ROMANS 8:28-29, 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13, PHIL. 4:19



- List the different ways God promises to care for you in today's reading. How does this make you feel?
- Which promise stands out given your current situation? Why? How will memorizing the promise help?
- Over the next month, commit to memorizing one of God's promises each week. Journal your experience.
- Advent Reading: Luke 1:57-66, 80, Luke 3:3-6, John 1:6-9, 15*



MEMORY VERSE:

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.