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*We are all one body, one spirit, compelled by Christ to share his Word
and the promise of salvation.*

Matthew 28

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We begin our worship with that greeting. That phrase means so much more to me than, “Pay attention. Worship is about to begin.” The greeting is a summary of the name of God whom we worship. Who is God? What name is God known by? God is Father, Son, and Spirit. God is our amazing creator. Look at the unique world and the beauty of frosted trees glistening in the sunlight, snow, wind, rain, mountains, fields, oceans and streams. The list could go on. We have a powerful awesome Creator.

Not only is God a creator but God is a parent to us. God loves us unconditionally. God knows us by name. God does not give up on us when we feel like we cannot go on. As a parent God provides for us and protects us. Just take time to give thanks for God.

Not only does God come to us as creator and as a parent but God comes to us in Christ the Son. Jesus is a powerful, healer, Savior, teacher, the list could go on.

What is your favorite Bible story about Jesus? Think about that story and who Jesus is in that story. Matthew 1:18-23 is one of my favorite Bible passages. Two names are used for Jesus. One is Emmanuel, which means, “God with us.” Jesus is God in human form. Jesus comes to us as a servant. Jesus comes and embodies God’s love to us. The other name used