

CELEBRATE
THE SUNDAYS of
ADVENT, 2022

Orchard Valley Christian Church



SUNDAY,
December 11, 2022

Patient Waiting
with
Joy

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ADVENT 3

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalms 146:5-10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11





JOY
Are you joyful?

Isaiah 35:1a

The **desert** and the **parched land** will be **glad**;
the **wilderness** will **rejoice** and **blossom**.



Negev Desert



Parched Land



Wilderness of Sinai





01

Where am I?



Isaiah 35:1



Like the **crocus**, it will burst into **bloom**;
it will **rejoice** greatly and **shout for joy**.





Crocus

blooms in the desert

In Hebrew, "Habazeleth." (**hăbaššelet**)

Autumn/winter crocus

Miraculously blooms in anticipation of rain

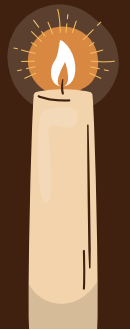
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Can I bloom like crocus in desert?

What is my anticipation to bloom?



Isaiah 35:3

Strengthen the **feeble hands**,
steady the **knees that give way**;
say to those with **fearful hearts**,

What can I say to my **fearful** heart?’



Isaiah 35:4

“Be strong, do not fear;
your **God will come,**
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will **come to save you.”**





02

What is my
anchor point to be
joyful?

God will come to save me.



Healing

Physical/Spiritual

Then will the **eyes** of the blind be opened
and the **ears** of the deaf unstopped.
Then will the **lame** leap like a deer,
and the mute **tongue** shout for joy.



Isaiah 35:5,6a

Isaiah 35:6b,7

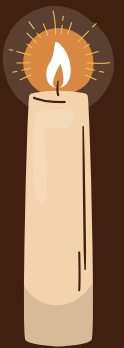
Water will gush forth in the **wilderness**
and **streams** in the **desert**.

The **burning sand** will become a **pool**,
the **thirsty ground** bubbling **springs**.





Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, **rivers of living water will flow from within them.**” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. - John 7:37-39





03

KEEP GOING

ARE YOU TEMPTED
TO QUIT?



James 5:7-9

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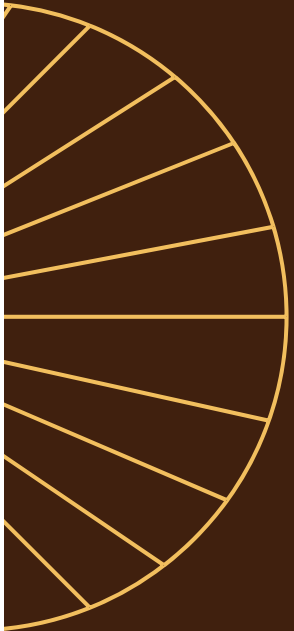
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James 5:10



As an example of suffering and
patience, brothers, take the
prophets who spoke in the
name of the Lord.






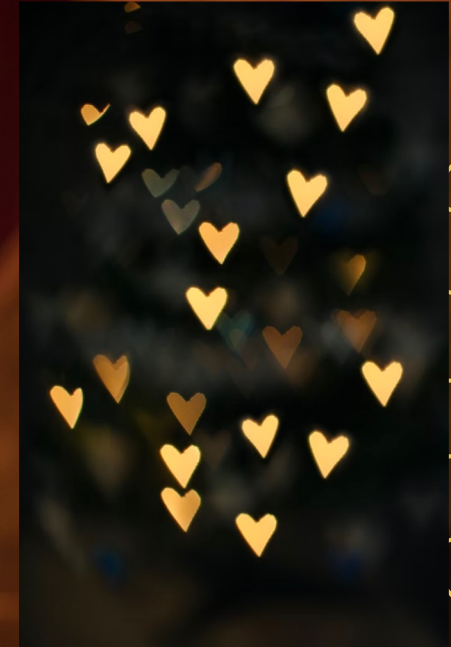
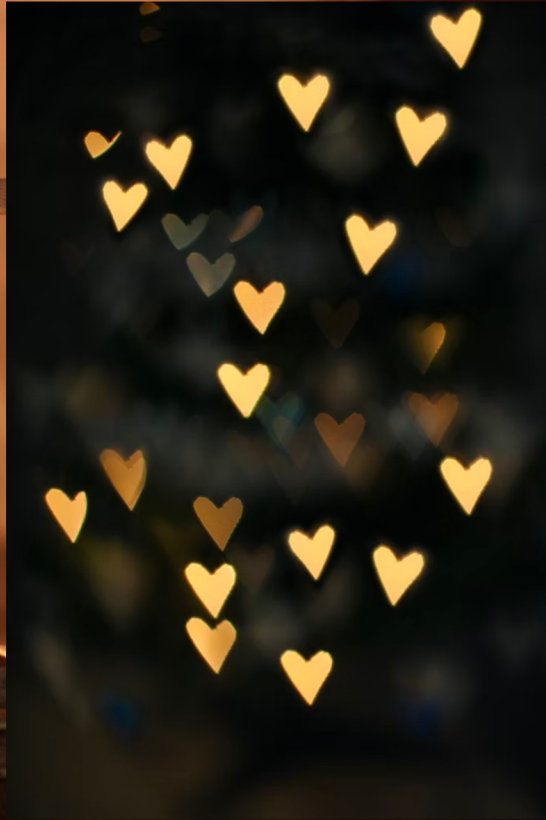
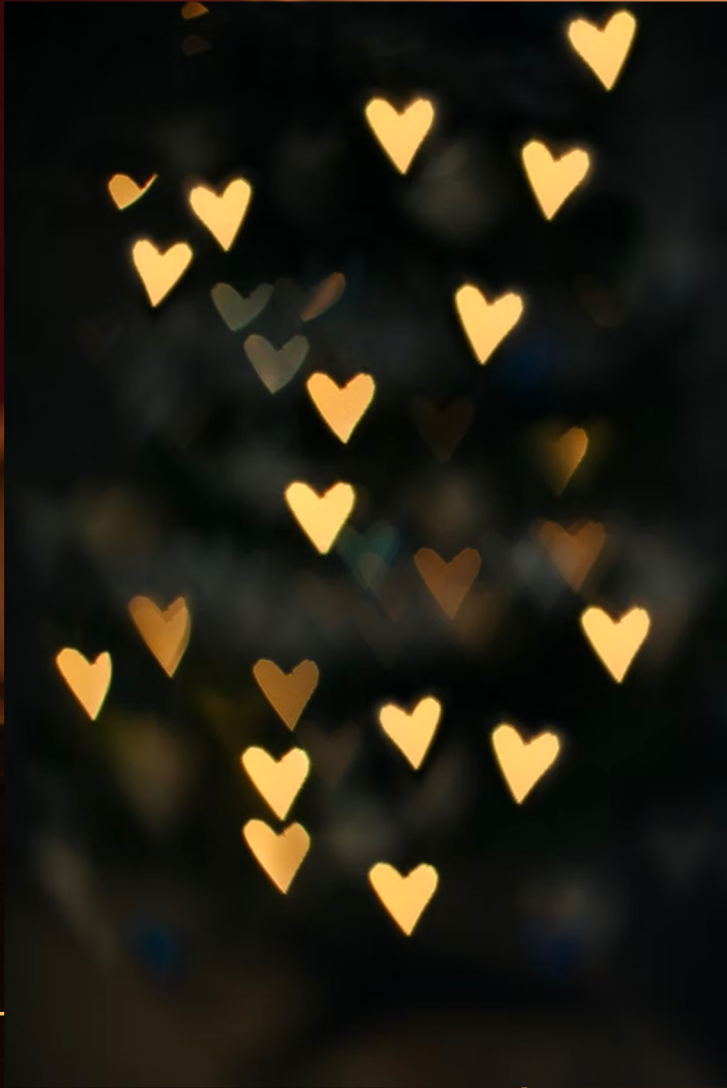
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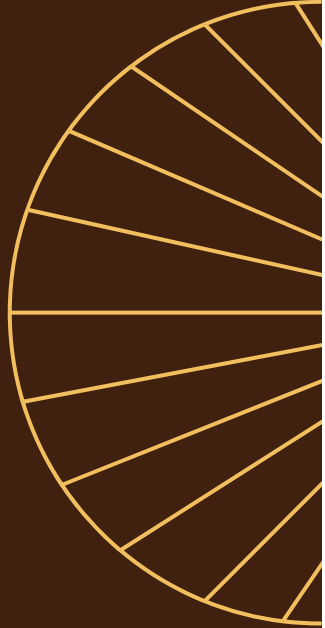


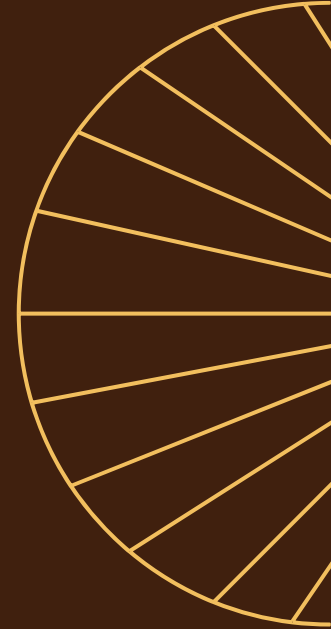
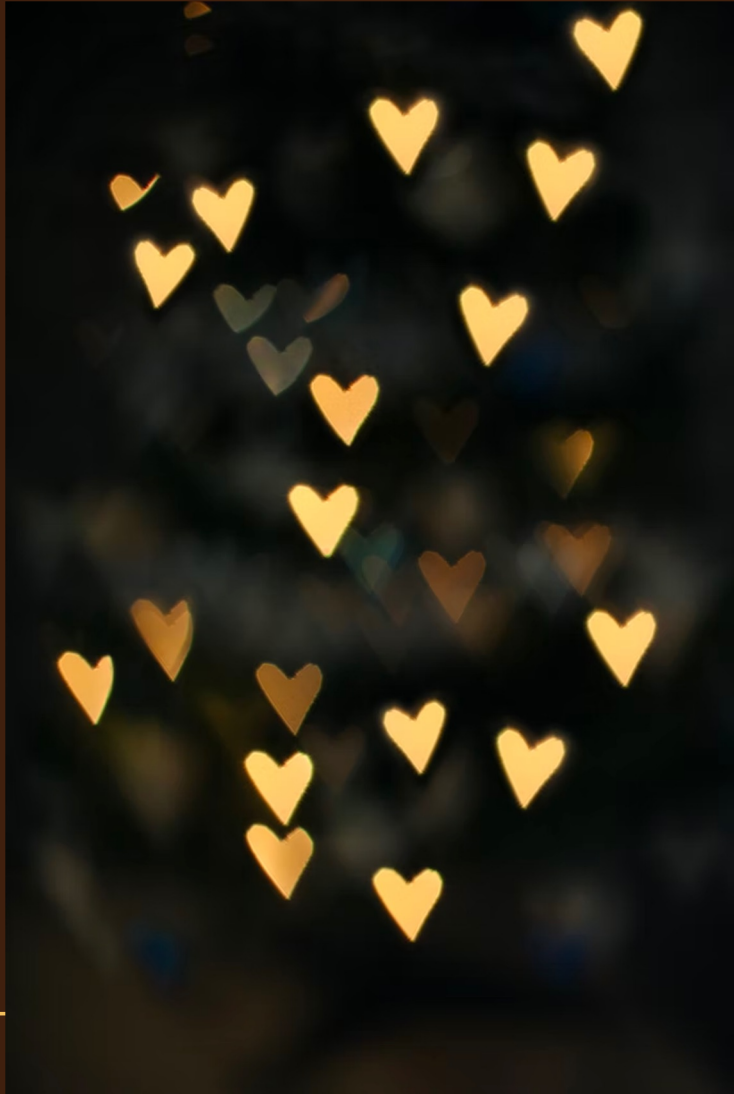
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What does Jesus mean by
'Establish your hearts?'






Jesus says: 'Hearts'



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James 3:6, 9, 10

The tongue is a fire,
a world of
unrighteousness ..
setting on fire the
entire course of life,
and set on fire by
hell.



With it we bless our
Lord and Father and
with it we curse
people .. these things
ought not to be so.





James 5:13, 16

Is anyone ..
suffering? Let them
pray. Is anyone
cheerful? Let them
sing praise.

Confess your sins to
one another and
pray for one another,
that you may be
healed



04

REWARDS

HEAVENLY &
ETERNAL



Matthew 11:11



Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one who is greater than John the Baptist. Yet one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.





Would you like to be great
in the Kingdom of God?



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01

Exercise

04

Sleep

02

Diet

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Meditation

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Sunshine

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Music



Without courage,
wisdom bears no
fruit

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— — Baltasar



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