



# LOVE'S RESCUING PRESENCE

# THE POWER OF PRESENCE



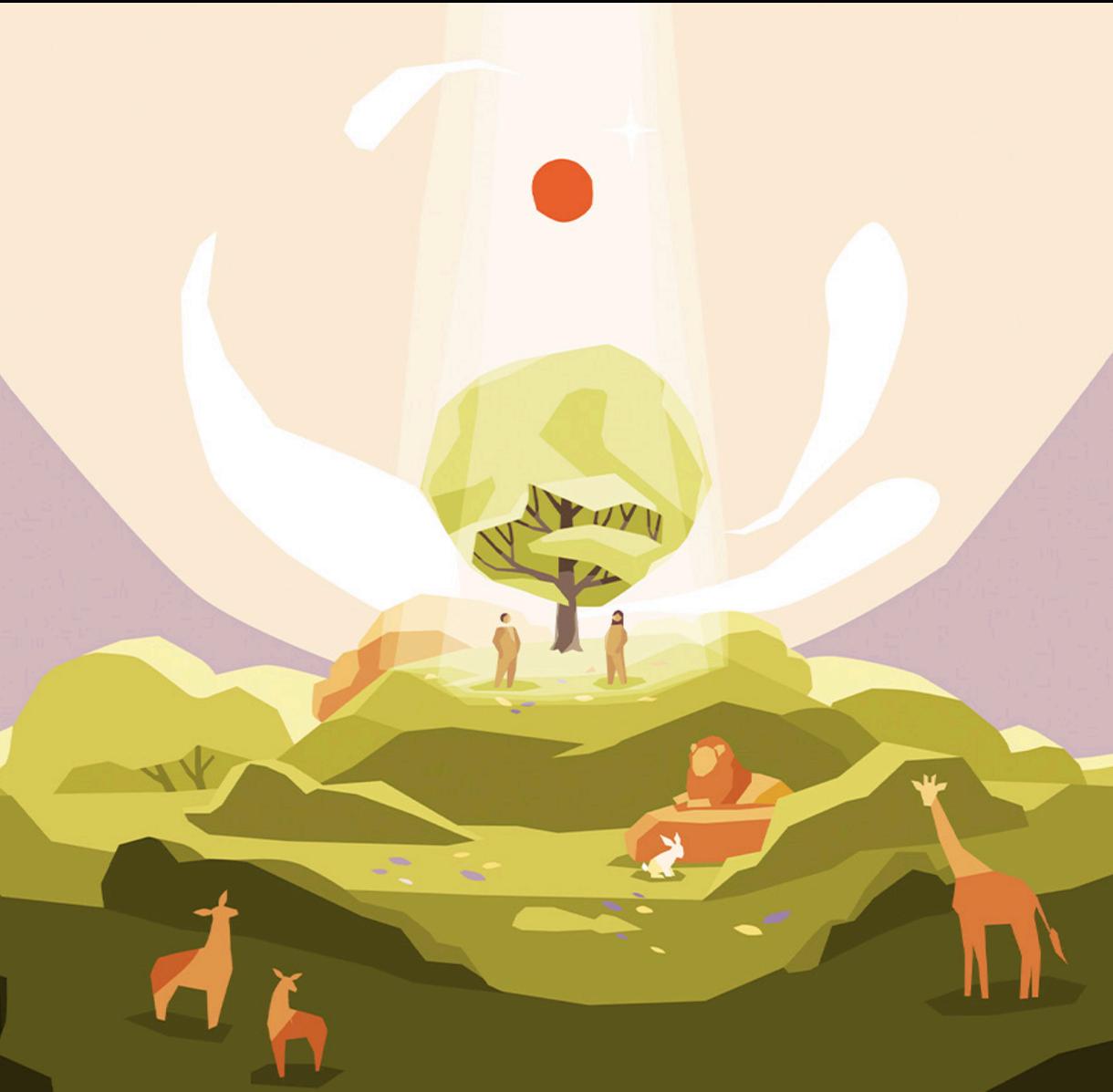
Love is a choice,  
not an emotion.  
Love is an action,  
not a feeling.  
Love is deliberate,  
not passive.  
Love is not  
something  
that happens  
to you;  
love is  
something  
you do.

αγάπη

[agape] / noun

The highest form of love  
Embraces a universal, unconditional love that  
transcends and persists regardless of  
circumstance  
Agape goes beyond just the emotions to the  
extent of seeking the best for others

# HUMAN FLOURISHING



"God's home is now among His people! He will live with them, and they will be His people. God Himself will be with them. He will wipe away every tear, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things will be gone forever."

Revelation 21:3-4

# LOVE MOVES IN

The  
WORD  
became  
FLESH  
+ BLOOD  
+ moved  
into the  
NEIGHBOR  
HOOD  
John 1:14

BUT TO ALL WHO BELIEVED  
HIM AND ACCEPTED HIM, HE  
GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME

CHILDREN  
OF GOD



JOHN 1:12

# LOVE MADE VISIBLE

Truly He taught us to love one another,  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother,  
and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
let all within us praise His holy name.



O Holy Night

if GOD so loved us,  
we also ought to

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER.**

...if we love one another,  
GOD abides in us  
and his love is perfected in us.

1 JOHN 4:11-12

# PERSISTENT LOVE

Be strong and courageous. Do not be

~~*afraid or terrified*~~

because of them, for

*the Lord your God  
goes with you;*

He will never leave you nor forsake you.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

**Neither**  
death **nor** life  
angels **nor** demons  
present **nor** future  
**nor** any powers  
height **nor** depth  
**nor** anything else  
**can ever separate**  
**you from God's**  
**love in Jesus.**

Romans 8:38-39

# TAKE IT HOME

IMMANUEL

God With Us

MATTHEW 1:23

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will *strengthen* you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand.

ISAIAH 41:10 NIV