

Sermon Notes – December 22, 2024

WHY GOD DIDN'T (AND WON'T) WALK AWAY

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“Let **us** make humans in our image/likeness.” -God & Son in Genesis 1:26

Love is a Choice

We Chose to Reject God's Way to Go Our Own Way

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way.” Isaiah 53:6a ESV

WHAT ARE GOD'S OPTIONS?

- 1) *“Let us discard them and maybe start again.”*
- 2) *“Let us walk away and let them die off.”*
- 3) *“Let us send help so they can make the best of it.”*
- 4) *“Let us pay for the damage and offer them a clean new start.”*

HOW COULD OPTION #4 BE DONE?

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a **son**, and will call him Immanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

“For to us a child is born, to us a **son** is given.” Isaiah 9:6

“You will conceive and give birth to a **son**, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the **Son** of the Most High.” Luke 1:31-32

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53:6 ESV

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD – The greatest determination of our value

THAT HE GAVE – The greatest expression of real love

HIS ONE AND ONLY SON – The only ONE who has what it takes

WHOEVER BELIEVED IN HIM – The most important decision anyone ever makes

WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE – The most costly and only lasting gift we
will ever receive

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