**Real Life**

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***With Pastor Steve***

*I would walk 500 miles, and I would walk 500 more… Song lyric by the Proclaimers*

 We could all start singing along at this point, right? I’ve always liked that song in it’s original form, but there have been some great versions done recently. And it captures the most powerful motive for why anyone would do what they do… love. We overcome obstacles… we endure hardship… we make the hard difficult choice of commitment… out of love.

 Well, in the grandest gesture of love in the history of the world… that’s what Jesus did when He arrived in this world as a babe in a manger. Love, incarnate … had crossed more than 500 miles, or 1000 miles… but obstacles of sin, separation, brokenness, and rejection (on our part, not His). But nothing could stop Him from coming. Nothing could stop Him from demonstrating His love for us 30 years later on the cross. And nothing stops Him now from extending His love to you. That is why on this 4th Sunday of Advent, we celebrate the Advent of Love. Love is the motive, the reason why Jesus came. Because nothing else is more powerful than love. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may we recognize, celebrate, and embrace Love… Jesus. May we reflect Love… Jesus. And when life gets tough, may all of our motives for doing anything … be… love. *And that’s … real life.* ~*Pastor Steve Rowe – Eaglebrook Church*

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