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CHRISTMAS AT HARVEST:

THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD CHRISTMAS

First Christmas...We have a sweet image from Christmas Carols...
but nothing went right on the first Christmas (according to human plans)

- ❖ Mary & Joseph
- ❖ King Herod
- ❖ Religious Leaders
- ❖ Innkeeper
- ❖ Shepherds
- ❖ Wisemen

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING IS GOING WRONG?

I. REMEMBER, EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS TO YOU IN LIFE IS NOT GOD'S WILL.

"...Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven...." Matthew 6:9-10 (NLT)

THREE THINGS THAT GIVE US "TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAYS"

- 1) OURSELVES - SOMETIMES WE MAKE TERRIBLE CHOICES AND THEN BLAME IT ON GOD.
- 2) OTHER PEOPLE - PEOPLE CAN BE MEAN AND CRUEL.
- 3) BROKEN PLANET - THIS WORLD IS BROKEN BY SIN.

II. BUT SOMETIMES WHEN THINGS FALL APART, GOD IS ON THE MOVE!

- 1) SOMETIMES, GOD IS TRYING TO GET OUR ATTENTION.
- 2) SOMETIMES, GOD HAS A BETTER PLAN.
- 3) SOMETIMES, GOD WANTS US TO LEARN TO TRUST HIM.

*"And it is impossible to please God without **faith**. Anyone who wants to come to Him **must believe** that God exists and that He rewards those who **sincerely seek Him**." Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)*

III. SO, WHAT SHOULD WE DO WHEN IT FEELS LIKE EVERYTHING IS GOING WRONG?

- 1) GIVE GOD OUR ATTENTION.
- 2) ASK HIM IF HE HAS A BETTER PLAN.
- 3) PRACTICE TRUSTING HIM AND...HOLD ONTO JESUS AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN!

THIS CHRISTMAS YOU'RE PROBABLY IN ONE OF THREE CATEGORIES...

- ❖ SEEKER
- ❖ SAVED
- ❖ STUMBLER