

The Season of Advent

Lord, may the celebration of Your birth renew our faith in You. I pray that we would seek You with the humility of the shepherds, the zeal of the wise men and that we would join the alleluias of the angelic host!
We make room in our hearts for you now and always.

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"O come, O come Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear."

This is the heart cry of anticipation and expectancy! This captures the longing in the hearts of the Jewish people waiting for their Messiah. How many of us share this same longing?

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The meaning of the Advent season is twofold. It is the season in which we anticipate and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. It is also a time when we look forward to Christ's return. The name Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming." Advent marks something momentous: God's coming into our midst. God chose to come into the world as we all do, to be born as a baby in the midst of a chaotic world.

For most of us, December flies past us in a flurry of activities, and turns out to be the most stressful time of the year. It seems paradoxical: during the time when everything is cranked up to Mach 6 is the time when we are called upon to slow down in order to contemplate, anticipate and prepare for Jesus.

Christmas is notorious for out of town family and unexpected guests stopping by for a visit. I'd be willing to bet that you will go through preparations to "ready" your home in order to receive your guests. Some of those preparations may include cleaning, decorating and making room in your home for company. How much more do we need to make room in our hearts for Jesus? Cleaning up our thoughts, attitudes and priorities; throwing out the garbage of the past; lighting the candle of truth in every corner, and giving Jesus access to every room, even the closets of our life. Ah, and the gift we can give Him is the gift of our time. Not only making room in our hearts for Him, but making time to spend with Him as well.

As we experience this season of Advent, know that His coming is not just something that has already happened. It is a recurring possibility here and now. Because God still comes to us everyday, every moment, to transform the ordinary into extraordinary; to make the broken whole; to redeem and restore the past, and to give us hope for our

future. His love that descended to Bethlehem over 2000 years ago is still a burning fire that chases away every shadow and floods every corner!

I encourage you to savor the expectancy of this season. And with the delicious tension of anticipation, let's make room in our hearts for Christ Jesus our King!

Looking Back

This year has been the most different year we've ever experienced! Through this season of cutting back and resting, God has used this time to download into our lives the training and equipping this next year will require. We have been able to go to conferences, take ministry equipping classes, as well as spend time developing our listening ability in God's presence. For me personally, it has also been a time of learning to be the wife God has called me. The fruit of this time has been phenomenal! I have deepened my ability to worship Christ no matter what surrounds me and I have begun to write songs again. We have been blessed to participate in ministry trips as well as travel to Lane Deer Reservation.

Looking Ahead

We have so many ministry opportunities! We are seeking God's direction as to which ones to accept. Please pray for us to move out in God's timing and to hear Him clearly. It is very easy to confuse my passion to minister with God's leading! Some opportunities are for intercession, while others are to actively participate.

End of the Year Giving

Would you pray and ask God if He would direct you include us in your year end giving? Our financial support has been down this past year and we are in genuine need of your help. Robin and I have cut down on as much overhead expenses as we could, but there is still so much need. As we gear up for the new year, we simply cannot go forth without your prayers and support. Because this is God's ministry, we know that He will provide. However, we also know He loves to work through His people because we are family-- we are all part of His Body. It is your faithfulness and sacrifice that keeps us encouraged to press on, equipped and empowered to reach out and expand God's Kingdom by connecting people to Jesus, healing the broken hearted and setting the captives free.

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Robin and I thank you for your partnership. We treasure you beyond words! May God meet you in ways that continue to create breakthrough, transformation and intimacy in your life. We pray the coming year is the best one yet.

**Merry Christmas to You and Yours,
Debbie Milligan and Robin D'Haillecourt**

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

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