

EXPECTANT WAITING: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



The promise of a Savior is Good News. Joyful news. Lord, this Advent season, let us live into the joy of Your redemption, Your forgiveness, and Your daily friendship and presence. Let our joy in You be at the center of all our holiday preparations. And on Christmas Day--the day this whole season is anticipating--let us rejoice that You have come to us, You have fulfilled Your promises, finished the work of redemption, and will come again in glory to make all things right and new. Give our Christmas celebration a special, deeper joy this year, Lord. As we mark the season of merriment with bright lights, festive feasts, and gathered loved ones, let all these joyful things flow from the source of joy: Jesus.

REFLECT

The season of Advent, culminating in Christmas Day, offers many moments to live into the profound joy offered by Jesus. This joy is deeper, richer, and more lasting than the happiness offered by worldly pursuits.

QUESTION

How might God be calling you to more deeply experience His joy this Advent season?

POSSIBLE ANSWER(S)

Perhaps God is using this Advent season to remind you that the true joy of Christmas is found in him. Ask yourself: If you stripped away the gifts, the lights, the food, the festivities, the traditions--could you still find joy? Perhaps reflecting on this will encourage you to not get swept up in the stress of the holidays but to instead cherish the moments of joy God gives, and to want to share that with others.
