
Leah's Latest

Merry Christmas

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Dear friends,

We have officially entered into the Advent season and Christmas is a short 3 weeks away.

What a wonderful time of the year! For some people Christmas can be a very hard time that is quite lonely and depressing. Many of their loved ones have moved away or have passed on, while for others it is their favourite time of the year. It's a time for family, movies, sleigh rides, yummy very large meals and a time of opening presents from loved ones.

To be honest I haven't even had a moment to think about Christmas yet this year. I just clued in yesterday that we are already in December and I haven't begun my Christmas shopping. As I silence myself today and begin to ponder the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story a few thoughts come to mind that I would like to share with you.

Waiting

As you can imagine this year for me has been a bit of a whirlwind. I am sure 2020 and 2021 have been very different for many of you as well. Between Covid and the ever-changing rules, quarantining 4 times in one year, moving to Canada, starting a new part-time job at the church, meeting new friends, taking care of family and trying to find a place to live, I am grateful that the Christmas break is nearly here. I am waiting for a break!



Waiting and Presence

Because I have been so busy over the past few months I find that I need to remind myself to slow down... to PAUSE... to PONDER... LISTEN and to WAIT! As we wait and long to celebrate king Jesus this Christmas, my prayer is that each one of us would be able to enter into all that God has for us this month. It is so easy for me to get caught up in the hustle and bustle, the Christmas concerts and pageants, learning new Christmas songs to play in worship etc. In the weeks to come I don't want to miss out on the 'presence' that Jesus wants to bring to me because I am distracted and too impatient to wait. As we focus each week of Advent on the hope, love, peace and joy that Jesus brings, may we be reminded to PAUSE... PONDER... LISTEN and WAIT.

As the wise men brought their gifts to the King may we bring Him ourselves each day! We might not get a package from Him in a big box with a big bow on it, but we will get exactly what He longs to give to each of us... Himself!

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas season. I miss each of you! Thank you once again for all of your love, prayers and support over the years.

Blessings and hugs today and throughout the New Year,
Leah