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*everything*

# The Gift of Wonder

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There's something about Christmas that stirs a holy kind of wonder. Not the kind that fades when the lights come down, but the

awe that comes from realizing how God chose to enter our world. The Creator of the universe didn't arrive with fanfare or power. He came as a baby—fragile, dependent, and born in a stable. What a breathtaking mystery.

Mary must have felt that same sense of wonder. A young girl, ordinary in every way, yet chosen by God to carry the extraordinary. When the angel told her she would give birth to the Son of God, she could have focused on her fear, her questions, or her inadequacy. Instead, she said, *"I am the Lord's servant. ... May your word to me be fulfilled"* (Luke 1:38 NIV).

Christmas reminds us that God still chooses to work through ordinary people who are willing to say yes. Like Mary, we are invited to be part of His plan—to carry His love, His light, and His presence into a dark and waiting world.

This season, don't lose the wonder. Let your heart pause long enough to take in the beauty of how God writes His story through humility, surrender, and grace. The miracle of Christmas is that Jesus came to earth, and He chooses to make His presence known through us still today.

Let's ask God to fill our hearts with wonder again so that we can see His glory in unexpected places this Christmas season.

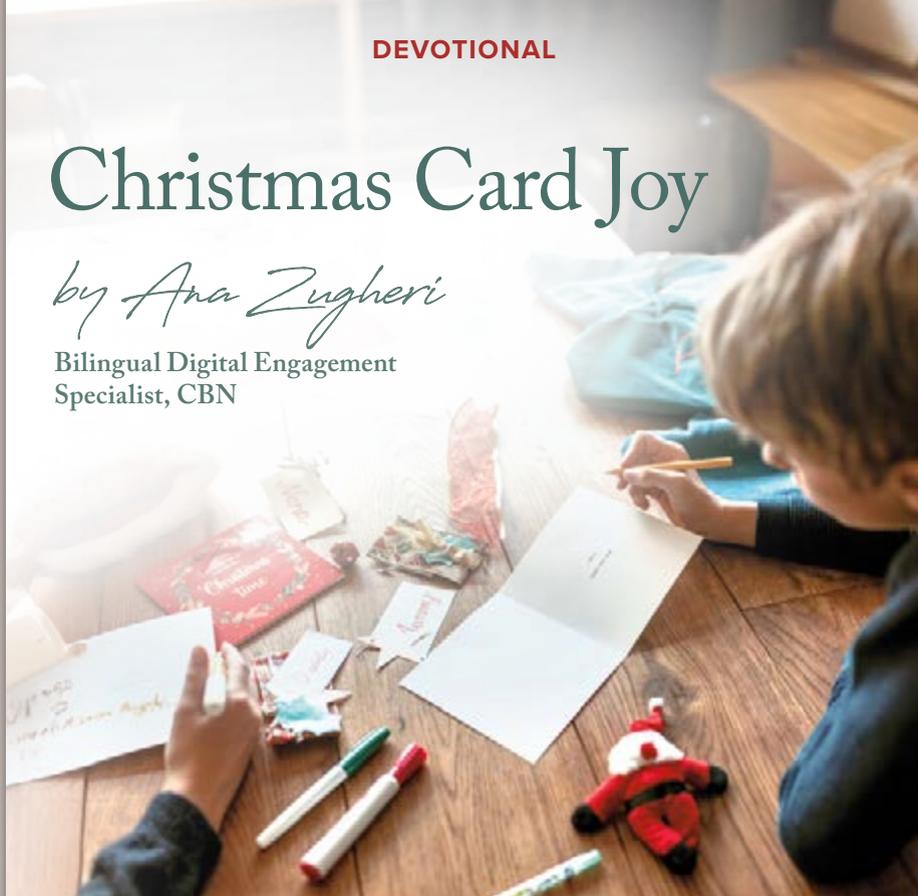
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# Christmas Card Joy

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One of my favourite things about Christmas is receiving Christmas cards. This beautiful tradition became part of my life about 10 years ago. I especially love cards with family photos—imagining the effort behind them; coordinating outfits, timing, and weather; and finding the perfect photographer. Each card feels like a cherished gift.

There's an emotional connection when I open my mail and find a Christmas card. It makes me feel loved and remembered. A card is more than paper; it's a wish, a blessing, or a thoughtful greeting, like in 3 John 1:2, which says, *Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well* (NIV).

One particular friend's card stands out each year with its creative design and a poem recounting her family's highlights. Her intention isn't to show off but to share joy, adventures, and how God has blessed them.

The Apostle John mirrors this in his writing: *It gave me great joy when some believers came and testified about your faithfulness to the truth. ... I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth* (vv. 3-4).

Christmas cards can be a ministry to others and ourselves. They encourage us to share love, write uplifting words, and pray for those we send them to. A simple card can bring a smile, a verse someone needs, or a reminder that it's all for the sake of His name.



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The *Gift* that changes everything

**C**hristmas is a season of light, a time when joy, generosity, and gratitude fill the air. Yet, beyond the decorations, the gifts, and the gatherings, we pause to remember the greatest gift ever given: Jesus Christ, God's gift of love to the world.

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son..."* (John 3:16 NIV). This truth is at the heart of everything we do at The 700 Club Canada, and it's the reason why, each Christmas, we come together to give back. Because of your partnership, we are able to share that same love in tangible ways with people who need hope the most.

This Christmas, your faithful support is once again making a real difference through two remarkable ministries: The Scott Mission and SafeHope Home.

#### **The Scott Mission—Sharing the Joy of Christmas**

In the heart of Toronto, The Scott Mission is preparing for a busy and joy-filled holiday season. Their Season of Joy program will provide thousands of families with Christmas hampers filled with fresh produce, non-perishable foods,

treats, and even a whole chicken or vegetarian option—everything needed to gather around a festive holiday meal.

And for children who might otherwise go without, your support helps provide toys, books, games, and winter essentials that bring laughter and excitement on Christmas morning.

Each hamper packed, and every toy wrapped, carries more than food or fun, it carries the love of Christ, reminding families that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten. Through your giving, the light of Jesus shines in homes that might otherwise feel dark this time of year.

#### **SafeHope Home—Restoring Hope and Dignity**

At SafeHope Home, Christmas is a deeply meaningful time. For survivors of human trafficking, many of whom are rebuilding their lives and caring for children, this season can stir both joy and painful memories. Yet, because of your generosity, these women and their children will experience a celebration filled with love, gifts, and a beautiful Christmas dinner.



Each woman will receive personalized gifts chosen with care, reminders that she is worthy of joy, restoration, and new beginnings. The children will experience the simple wonder of opening gifts just for them, surrounded by a community that loves and supports their family.

Your giving makes this possible. You are helping to create a Christmas where survivors are not defined by their past, but by the promise of a new future found in Christ.

### **The Heart of Christmas**

This is what Christmas is truly about: giving because God gave first. Every hamper delivered, every meal shared, every gift unwrapped carries the message that Jesus is “God with us”—*Immanuel*.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may we continue to reflect His light in the way we give, serve, and love others. Thank you for helping us share the hope of Christ with those who need it most this Christmas season.

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## **The Belly Isn't a Grave, It's a Womb**

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Jonah didn't end up in the belly of a whale because God was angry—he ended up there because he needed to be saved. Jonah's problem wasn't

the giant fish; it was a hardened heart. He didn't trust God's plan and tried to run from it. And when we forget that God's plan is always good—even when we don't understand or like it—everything starts to look bad. We first lose perspective; then we begin to live inside a distorted one.

Jonah's escape led to chaos: a storm, a sinking ship, and finally the belly of a great fish. Yet even there, God's mercy was waiting. The fish wasn't punishment—it was grace. A loving wake-up call from a God who refuses to give up on His children. God wasn't trying to destroy Jonah; He was trying to restore him.

Inside that dark, confined space, Jonah did the most important thing he could—he repented, remembered, and worshiped. From the depths he prayed, “*In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me*” (Jonah 2:2 NIV). Worship became Jonah's way back to his true identity and purpose. The belly of the whale wasn't Jonah's grave—it was a womb. A place of transformation, where Jonah was reborn into the life God designed for him.

So, where are you running from God today? If you find yourself in darkness and despair, stop running. Worship. Remember that God is good. His mercy still meets you there—and will propel you forward to who you were called to be.

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## Wrap Up Your Affairs Before You Wrap Up the Gifts

Stop putting off that one big item on your to-do list. It's easier than you think to finalize your plans for your Will before Christmas. Imagine the relief of knowing your estate is in order so that you can fully enjoy the holiday with peace of mind. This Christmas season, our partners at Advisors with Purpose can help you create a legacy that lasts well beyond your lifetime. Their expert advice is free—a gift from us to thank you for your support. Contact them today at [plan@advisorswithpurpose.ca](mailto:plan@advisorswithpurpose.ca)

# A STAR SHALL RISE



By Gordon Robertson  
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At Christmastime, we often picture the star of Bethlehem shining brightly over a manger. But long before that night in Bethlehem, God gave a sign, a prophecy carved not just in Scripture, but even in stone that pointed to the coming of Christ.

In Numbers 24:17, Balaam, an unlikely prophet from a foreign land, was hired to curse Israel. Yet instead of a curse, God gave him a vision: “A *Star shall come out of Jacob; a Scepter shall rise out of Israel.*” This was one of the earliest prophecies about the Messiah. And, remarkably, God chose someone outside His covenant people to proclaim it.

History and archaeology affirm it. To this day, you can visit a temple associated with Balaam’s prophecies, where inscriptions confirm these ancient declarations over Israel. These aren’t just religious traditions; they’re historical markers. The Scriptures we celebrate at Christmas are rooted in time, place, and prophecy.

The Magi, men of wisdom and learning, saw the sign of that star and followed it in faith. Their journey led them to the One the heavens had proclaimed. The Word became flesh, and God’s promise was fulfilled.

They came to worship. And their journey invites us to do the same.

Today, the same God who placed that star in the sky offers a personal invitation:  
*Let the light of Christ be born in your heart.*

This Christmas, don’t just celebrate history; embrace the reality. Isaiah 9:6 declares, *His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.* That same Prince of Peace is present now, inviting you to draw near, believe, and worship.

So, look beyond the decorations and traditions. Let your heart respond like the wise men did with awe, worship, and joy. The Star has risen. The Saviour has come.

God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

*Scripture is quoted from the NKJV.*

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