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Hello everyone, well here it is just two days before Christmas. The intensity is building, preparations are being made for Christmas celebrations with family and friends. I hope you are not like me and still have Christmas shopping to do. With all the busyness it is easy to forget why we are celebrating Christmas in the first place, we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Over the years the meaning has been slowly slipping away. Some stores no longer put up signs saying "Merry Christmas", they revert to happy holidays.

This is the time of the year for spreading joy and good will in the name of Jesus Christ. This time of year has another special meaning for me. Seven years ago, at Christmastime I was going through a very tough time. I was undergoing cancer treatment. It had me worn down. My family and friends rallied around me and their prayers and faith helped to remind me what Christmas is all about. This turned my life around and made me began to think," Why should we only be this way at Christmas?" We ought to be celebrating Jesus every day, reaching out to others with joy and good will in His name. The greatest gift that our Father gave to us is Jesus Christ. Let's share the Good News!

It does not have to be much, just a small gesture of love saying, "Jesus loves you" or "Jesus is with you" when someone is hurting or in need. What joy that can bring! Offer to pray with those in need, right then and for them later. Let's spread the Good News, Jesus is the reason for the season, and that season never ends.

Merry Christmas