



GLORY BEAMS



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Anticipation

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'Twas the night before

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But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. It was a time of redemption, of restoration, and of realization—good gifts—those awakened by love and responding in faith might find awaiting them. It was a time that even the world pondered as separating all time, BC and AD.

There is much discussion as to whether or not the actual day of December 25th was the birth of Jesus. I tend to think that it wasn't. I tend to think that it was more around the time of Tabernacles, but at least there is a day that even the world has set to remember its visitor from heaven, even as it is still grappling with whether or not He was who He said He was forever and always. But I do know for sure the difference His coming has made, is making, and forever will make—at least I've experienced it and continue to experience it in my life. And I've seen it and read about it and continue to see it in the lives of countless individuals who have been awakened to new life in Him and all that brings with it. What about you? Have you experienced His birth in you, your being born again with His life? And His very presence with us and in us gives us hope for all the good things we anticipate. It puts us right in the path of good things that are to come from a good God. And He enables us, by His Spirit, to begin experiencing those good things even now. And so every day can be the "night before Christmas." Every day can be the day we experience His coming in ever enlightening ways. And it is fitting that we celebrate His birth at the end of our calendar year. For it sets the stage for a new glorious year ahead filled with Him and the endless possibilities He brings.

As Christmas approaches, we celebrate the Advent season with great anticipation. In what areas of your life does Jesus Christ need to be birthed? Look for Him, the Savior, Christ the Lord. Make place for Him. Swaddle Him close that this glorious Seed may grow into full fruit. *Taste and see that the LORD is good (Ps. 34:8).*



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Simply Jesus

Kenny's Journey—

The highlight of my journey recently is very simple. It is Acts 1:8 in Walmart, a K & W Restaurant, and anywhere the opportunity arises.

Let's begin with Walmart. Every time I go into the Rocky Mount Walmart, the cashiers ask me to sing. On one particular Saturday, I walked into the store and Dennis asked, "What you got for me today?" I began to sing, "How Great Thou Art" at the top of my lungs. Said Dennis, "Here comes Miss Viola," who then joined me with harmony. The greatness of our God resounded, and people who were waiting to check out began to applaud the greatness of God. During another visit, my wife Kim and son Kevin and I sang "Amazing Grace" at the counter. As we were waling out of the store, a friend, Greeter Upton, told us, "There was a lady walking out crying, saying she needed that." That is how I want to live my life, always ready to share Jesus through the gift He gave me.

When I go into our K & W Cafeteria, there is a precious lady named Estelle who asks the same question, "What you got for us today?" She represents all the workers who stand so long waiting on us or working in the hot kitchen. We met this special lady as we told her of Kim's grandmother who shared her name. (Mother "J" was such a woman of grace, living until she was almost 98 years old.) The song the Lord put on my heart that day was "His Eye Is On the Sparrow." Once again, the workers resounded in clapping and praising God! Another time I sang, "Let Us Go Back to Bethel" and they clapped and praised even louder. The song reminded them of how much Jesus loves them and cares that they are serving others. This same thing has happened with me in Dollar General, Lowe's, and many other places.

I want the name of Jesus to resound all over the world! Ever notice when Ann Graham Lotz, daughter of Billy Graham, says the name of Jesus, she drags it out with her southern accent—Jeeesus?! We savor its sweetness in our ears and our hearts. She proclaims the name of Jesus just as her dad has all over the world. The angel instructed Mary and Joseph that His name would be Jesus for He would save His people from their sins. The angels proclaimed His birth to the shepherds—good tidings of great joy to all people. He is our Savior, Christ the Lord. This is the joy I love to spread everywhere I go!

Kim and I loved sharing Jesus with our precious friends, Brent Rhue and family, the church family, and other dear friends who visited Slaughter Neck UMC in DE. Earlier that day, Holy Spirit fell on me in the House of Praise in Williamsville, and I shared that Jesus' compassion was present to heal.

John Hobbs shared this message of love, joy, and peace with Zion Church in Millersville, PA. The Cote family amazes me every time I am with them! Joyce & Steve have nine children and currently 33 grands (with more on the way). Wow! Don't you love it—that many people in one family loving Jesus at the same time?! The other families of the church are also amazing! Jesus resounds at Zion!

Kim and I both shared hymns and Southern Gospel music with the seniors of Nashville UMC. We even celebrated the birthday of a 102 year old woman, Nan Strickland. We were blessed as she shared with us that she still works in her garden and still supplies food to the Compassion Café! She also calls her friends on their birthdays. She especially makes it a point to share Jesus with everyone. She and all the other seniors were amazing, as was their leader Victoria Frazier. We were blessed as Kim humorously shared of God's timing and purpose for each of them.

Remember to share Jeeesus throughout the land! There's something about that name!

