

Advent Devotional - Day 25

December 25th



Scripture: Joshua 24:15 Verse: *“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”*

Reflection:

Christmas Day is a time of joy, celebration, and togetherness. It is a day when families gather to share meals, exchange gifts, and create lasting memories. Amidst the festivities, it is essential to remember the true reason for the season: the birth of Jesus Christ. His arrival brought hope, love, and salvation to the world, and His presence in our lives transforms our families in profound ways.

In modern times, the concept of family can take many forms. Whether it's a traditional family unit, a blended family, or a close-knit group of friends who feel like family, the essence of family remains the same: love, support, and connection. Having Jesus as a part of our family means inviting His love, grace, and guidance into our homes. It means making Him the center of our relationships and allowing His teachings to shape how we interact with one another.

Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How does having Jesus as a part of your family influence your daily interactions and decisions? Jesus' presence brings peace, understanding, and a sense of purpose to our homes. It encourages us to love unconditionally, forgive readily, and support each other through life's challenges.

As you celebrate Christmas today, take a moment to thank God for the gift of family and for the presence of Jesus in your life. Consider ways to strengthen your family's bond by incorporating faith into your daily routines. Whether it's through prayer, reading Scripture together, or simply showing acts of kindness, let Jesus' love be the foundation of your family.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of family and for the presence of Jesus in our lives. Help us to make Him the center of our homes, guiding our actions and interactions with love and grace. May our families reflect Your love and be a source of support and strength for one another. Amen.



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Merry Christmas

*May God grant you and your family a
safe and healthy new year with Christ
at your center and filled with hope,
Peace, Joy, and Love!*