

Wednesday, December 3, 2025



The Waiting and the Wonder

Lamentations 3:25

The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him.

Reflecting on the Advent season brings to mind our family Christmas tradition of waiting until Christmas Eve to put up our annual live tree where it then remained throughout Christmastide. This practice, though simple, held a special spiritual significance, echoing the heart of Advent - waiting with hope and intentional anticipation.

In today's fast-paced world, we often rush through seasons, eager to reach the next celebration. Yet, our family tradition taught us the beauty of waiting. The empty space where the tree would stand served as a daily reminder that something special was coming. It created room for longing, reflection, and preparation - mirroring the spiritual posture Advent invites us to embrace.

Imagine the excitement building as Christmas Eve approached - the smell of fresh pine filling the house, the soft glow of lights finally illuminating the darkness. This delayed decoration wasn't about withholding joy but savoring it more deeply when it arrived. Similarly, Advent isn't just about counting down days; it's about preparing our hearts for the arrival of Christ, both in remembrance of His birth and in anticipation of His return.

Reflection:

How are you creating space in your life to truly wait for Jesus this Advent season?
Are there traditions or practices you can adopt to deepen your sense of anticipation?

Prayer:

Lord, teach me the beauty of waiting. As I prepare my heart this Advent, help me embrace the stillness and anticipation, knowing that Your promises are worth the wait. Amen.

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