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FOCUSING ON JESUS
Focusing On Jesus
Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1:1-14

The celebration of Christmas is all about Jesus. During this time of rejoicing in the birth of our Savior we want to intentionally bring our focus on Jesus. As we look at the Bible passages telling the Christmas story, let's discover who Jesus truly is and develop a life of authentic worship of Him. Here is what we need to do.

1. **We must expand our vision of who Jesus is!**

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.” **John 1:1-3 (NIV)**

“I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.’” **Isaiah 6:1-3 (NIV)**

“Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: ‘Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!’” **Revelation 19:6-7 (NIV)**

“Who do I say Jesus really is?”

2. **We must let the light of Jesus expose any spiritual darkness.**

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned...”
Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

“In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”
John 1:4-5 (NIV)

“I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.” **John 12:46 (NIV)**

“Where do I need to let the light of Jesus penetrate my life?”

3. **We must let Jesus have authority in every part of our lives.**

“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”
Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.”
John 1:14 (NIV)

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you; He will guide you into all truth.”
John 14:26, 16:13 (NIV)

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” **John 14:27 (NIV)**

“Where in my life do I need the power and presence of Jesus?”

4. **We must make each day an act of worship to Jesus.**

“We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” John 1:14 (NIV)

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

“Am I living each day in the grace and truth of Jesus?”