

Living Out Loud

every night...every home

2 December 2018

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REMEMBER this week

We don't celebrate Advent because our lives are perfect; we celebrate it because they aren't. But in the midst of whatever mess we find ourselves in, we have hope. For neither death nor life, neither big or small messes, or endless Christmas to-do lists will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus.

table **GRACE**
God of love and
God of grace

Let your hope fill our place.
Bless this meal and our Advent too,
as in your Son Jesus,
all your promises come true.
Amen.

VERSE of the week

**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.**

Isaiah 9:6a

THOUGHT for the week

**You are not the
mistakes you have made,
or the mess you find yourself
wading around in -
you are so loved by the
Father that he sent his Son
to rescue you,**



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1 lets SHARE

1. Share your highs and lows.
2. What are you most looking forward to and not looking forward to about Christmas this year?
3. What is the biggest mess you have ever made in your life or the messiest situation you have been in?
4. What is one mess in your life that you wish Jesus could clean up for you?
5. What could you do this Christmas to keep your eyes on what is essential?
6. What is one unexpected thing that you can do for someone else this Advent to bring the hope of Jesus to them?

2 lets READ

Sunday	Isaiah 9:6
Monday	Romans 15:12
Tuesday	Proverbs 10:28
Wednesday	Psalms 39:7
Thursday	2 Sam 7:12-13
Friday	1 Timothy 6:17
Saturday	Romans 15:13

3 lets TALK

- A - What is this text ABOUT?
- B - What is the BEST thing about this text?
- C - What is the most CONFUSING or CHALLENGING part of this text?
- D - What does God want you to DO?

5 lets BLESS

Bless each other with the sign of the cross as you say the following:

Name, the Christ-child is your hope in all life's messes. Amen.

4 lets PRAY

PRAISE GOD for always keeping his promises.

THANK JESUS for entering the mess of our world and our lives to rescue us and bring hope to all.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to guide you through the busyness of this season so you can celebrate and rejoice in the birth of Jesus.

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