



## Daily Devotionals: With Jesus at the Beginning | December 5, 2021

Welcome to the Advent season! The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season can drown out the focus of this time of year. Over the next four weeks, we invite you to pause as we look for hope, joy, love, and peace in Jesus.

The word Advent is formed from a Latin word meaning “coming” or “arrival,” Advent is a time for remembering and rejoicing Christ’s birth while watching and waiting for Christ’s return.

**Begin with this simple prayer:** Lord Jesus, through Advent this year, help us to slow down enough to see you. To reflect you to those around us. Help me to find your hope, joy, love, and peace in this season. Amen.

### Finding Hope in the Waiting

As God’s people were about to head into exile, God delivered hope through a promise. Someday, this will all be over—a King will come to make all things new. Christmas celebrates the hope that God sent Jesus to fulfill that promise and rescue creation once and for all. Knowing God has kept His promises in the past gives us hope that God will continue keeping His promises in the future.

**Reflection question:** Where have you seen God’s faithfulness in your life or in the life of your family?

**Pray this prayer:** Dear God, thank You for reminding us during this time of year that You always keep Your promises! Thank You for the promise of Jesus. Thank You for the hope we have in Him. Help us to remember what You did for us when You sent Jesus to be our Savior. Amen.