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[1 Peter 1: 8](#)

⁸ Although you have not seen^[a] him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy,

When I had my children, I loved them from the beginning. God loved his Son, Jesus, from the beginning too and, as Jesus entered this world, God was sharing His love with us. Bible stories tell us of the significance of His birth, but sometimes it is only after many years of going to church and hearing about Jesus that we realize what it truly means for us. God had a plan for Jesus. He was born, He died for us, He arose for us, and His Holy Spirit lives in us. And just like His Son, God has a plan for us too.

Although I have never seen Jesus, I love him and appreciate what he has done for me. I was a church person all of my life, but in 1973 I realized that you have to actually invite Him into your life. When I did that, my life changed so much. I could do things that I hadn't dreamed possible. I asked Him to live inside me and to take over. I prayed and studied and let him to speak to me. There were still a great deal of hard times, but He was always there beside me.

Each time we help someone, he is there directing us. When we listen to His voice, we can be His hands and feet. He understands our requests and our hearts' desires. He performs miracles in our lives. He helps us with the big things, but He also helps us with the small things. One miracle for me was when we were young and needed money for a bill. The exact amount that we needed came in the mail just in time to pay it. A more recent miracle was a business miracle where a contract that was to end was suddenly redirected to our business just in time. Life can change drastically when you invite Jesus to be in charge.

At this time of the year, we think about the love we have for others, and how we want to show that love to our children, friends, and strangers. Sometime the busy months leading up to Christmas does not reflect the reason for the season. We want God to flow through us with His love for others. We do it by buying gifts, making gifts, spending time with the ones we love, and hopefully celebrating Jesus' birth. We need to celebrate the greatest gift God could have ever given us.

As I look over my life, I know that God has been with me for every step. I'm so grateful to Him for blessing me and being with me daily. I have had the privilege of knowing Him and praying for others to find Him. God has blessed us so with the gift of His Son. What joy He has given His children.

Prayer: *Thank you God for your Son and this season. Live in each of us and shine through us with Your love. Help us to continually seek your wisdom and common sense. Help us to express our love and joy in you. Amen.*

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