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Make Room

[John 3: 1-15](#)

“The Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life.”

We can't have the resurrection without the crucifixion; we can't have the cross without the denial by Judas, man as the sin factor. This doesn't happen without the Immaculate Conception and Birth of Jesus Christ. Lent is specific to Easter, the basis for our Christian walk. God's gift, his son, put to death on a cross for all our sins, to give us eternal life in heaven.

My Lent devotion is an experience I had as part of Christmas. My son, Seth was diagnosed with ALS in 2014. God's grace has allowed him to fight this horrific disease for 8 years. Seth has been an advocate, mentor, father, husband, son, friend, and Christian worker.

Seth decided in December 2022 to contact WV Chapter for ALS to find a newly diagnosed person with ALS in need. Seth wanted to out-reach this person to give them a wonderful Christmas.

WV ALS Chapter found a grandmother in Mt. Hope, WV, that was trying to raise 4 children by herself. The children were ages 8-14; their parents were gone due to drug issues. Seth immediately went to work fund-raising, getting presents and food. Remarkable! In just a few weeks, \$2,000 was donated! Seth asked me to go Mt. Hope to deliver on December 21. My friend and I went with my vehicle completely full.

While listening to the Christmas channel on the radio, my friend and I discussed this grandmother – the life she was facing. A song by Casting Crowns came on called “Make Room.” My friend and I, with tears, rejoicing and talking about a man, my son, fighting life with a death sentence disease (ALS). How could he find **room in his heart** to reach out to help another?

Upon arrival, the grandmother came out of a very run-down trailer, and it was obvious from her speech she was already stricken by ALS. I was barely able to communicate as I saw how ALS had already devoured the muscles in the body. The grandmother was so overwhelmed that she sobbed openly. My friend said God immediately intervened, giving me words of encouragement, calming her down and smiling ear to ear.

So as Lent and Easter come, open your heart **to make room** for Jesus.

***PRAYER:** God, we thank you for opportunity to share your blessings, continue to make room in our hearts that your will is done. Help us in this troubled upside-down world. Continue to give us Grace and thank you for your sacrifice of your son. AMEN*

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