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Jesus, Our Redeemer and Restorer

Our Dear Loved Ones,

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Merry Christmas! Jesus is our Redeemer and Restorer! Hallelujah! Over 2000 years ago, *"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.'"* -Galatians 3:13

God sent his Son, Jesus, the PERFECT gift, because of His great love for us. Many of us are guilty of losing focus of this truth and get all caught up in the preparations, shopping, and financial pressure of Christmas. The holidays have the ability to bring out the ugly in us if we're honest. You may have noticed throughout the years during the Holidays, we always want to encourage you to shift your focus on *Him* and what *He* has done for us. It's so easy to get lost in the busyness of the "worldly" part of the Holiday season, but instead we want you to reflect on this PERFECT gift, Jesus, and remember that He is our Redeemer and Restorer! We know how easy it can be for us Christians to forget that Jesus came to not only redeem us from the curse of sin and death, but to *restore* everything the enemy has stolen from us. To restore something means to bring back, reinstate, repair or renovate. God is always at work restoring and renewing everything that the devil has stolen from us. There is no end to the goodness of God! First Peter 5:10 says,

"And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you."

When we wholeheartedly turn our eyes to the Lord and allow Him to do the work in and through us, we are also giving Him permission to restore the years that the enemy (destroyer) has stolen from us. Maybe the enemy has stolen your marriage or the unity in your family. It may be that you have a prodigal son or daughter that hasn't returned to the Father yet. Some of you might be praying and waiting for a spouse, and the loneliness is getting unbearable. You might have lost a loved one, and the sadness is so overwhelming. Maybe it's healing in your body that you are believing God for. Many people have lost businesses, and it seems like there is no hope in sight. But there is hope in Christ this Christmas! And God's people will never be put to shame!

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame." Joel 2:25-26

Many of us need our emotions healed and restored. Throughout the years, we receive a lot of phone calls from brothers and sisters who have been hurt by others. Sadly, most of the time they are hurt by other Christians and family members. We're here to encourage you this Christmas season that Jesus is your Redeemer and Restorer. He can restore and heal you from all the hurt, offense, discouragement, sadness, disappointments and failures if you allow Him to. But remember, we need to forgive those who have hurt us and forgive ourselves for all disappointments and failures.

"I have swept away your sins like a cloud. I have scattered your offenses like the morning mist. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free." Isaiah 44:22

Jesus was the PERFECT gift sent from the Father, and He paid the ultimate price for our redemption and restoration. Dear friend, our heart's desire is for you to receive the TRUE revelation of the birth of Jesus and bring Him back as the main focus and celebration of this holiday season and *throughout the year*. Meditate on His goodness and the gifts He's freely given you and your family. Jesus IS the Restorer (Eph 1:7); He can restore your hope, restore your peace, restore your joy and restore your life! The more you meditate on the Word and fill your spirit-man up, the more anchored you will be in Christ and focused on the goodness of God in your life rather than the emotions of the holidays. Nothing will phase you, nothing will move you or surprise you because of the Word that has been stored up in you.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas! We love you, friends, and we appreciate all the prayers and support you've given our family and Ministry throughout the year. We're so thankful for you! We're grateful for each one of you, dear friends, and we're honored you chose to be part of this harvest of JMM together with us. May the Holy Spirit pour out the revelation of His birth in our hearts this season! We can't wait to see what God has in store for all of us in the New Year!

In His Service,

John & Alexandra



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