

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2 NIV)

HOW ARE YOU AT WAITING? It can be the most difficult thing to do, to endure patiently. To watch with a longing, the anticipation building. How much longer must we wait. As a child I was always searching the house during the Christmas season, searching for the gifts that I knew were in hiding until the right moment when they would be brought out and placed under the tree.

Waiting requires a patience, that although we are here now there is something other that is coming.

The advent season calls us to wait with patient endurance. To wait with an expectant hope.

To know that although it seems like darkness is all around there is a light that will break through and his name is Jesus. Advent is a time of preparing our heart to receive the promise of Emmanuel- God with.

That in the darkness, our hearts wait with Expectant Hope and the light of Christ breaks through and invites us into the journey with him. He invites us in to His peace that transcends all understanding. He invites us in to his rest, and promises strength to face the day.

As we embark on the advent journey take some time to ask- ***What am I hoping for this Christmas season? Where am I losing my patience in the journey?*** Ask God to show you new and afresh the Light of Christ breaking through the darkness, the disappointment and discouragement that can cloud our Hope.

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