



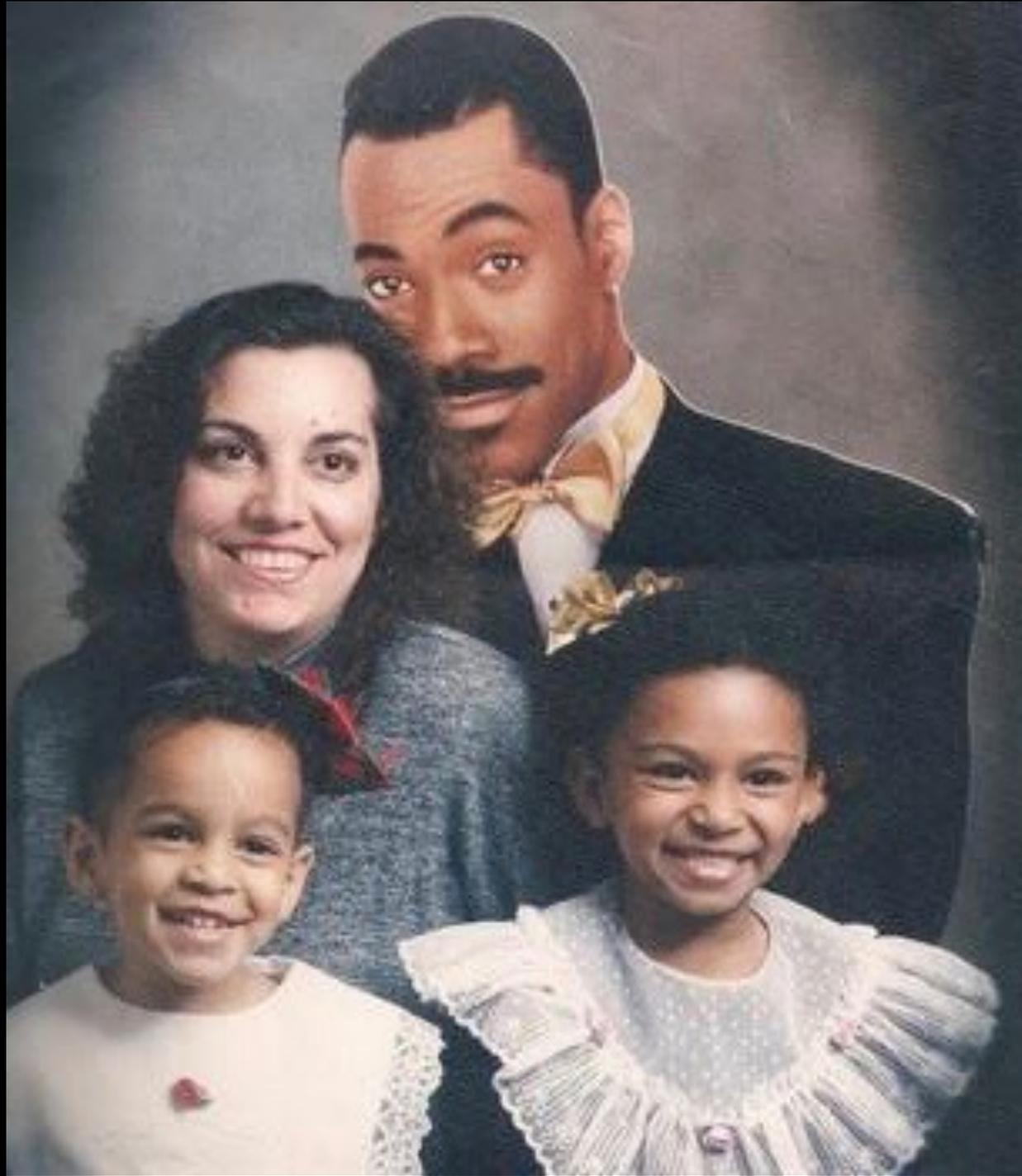
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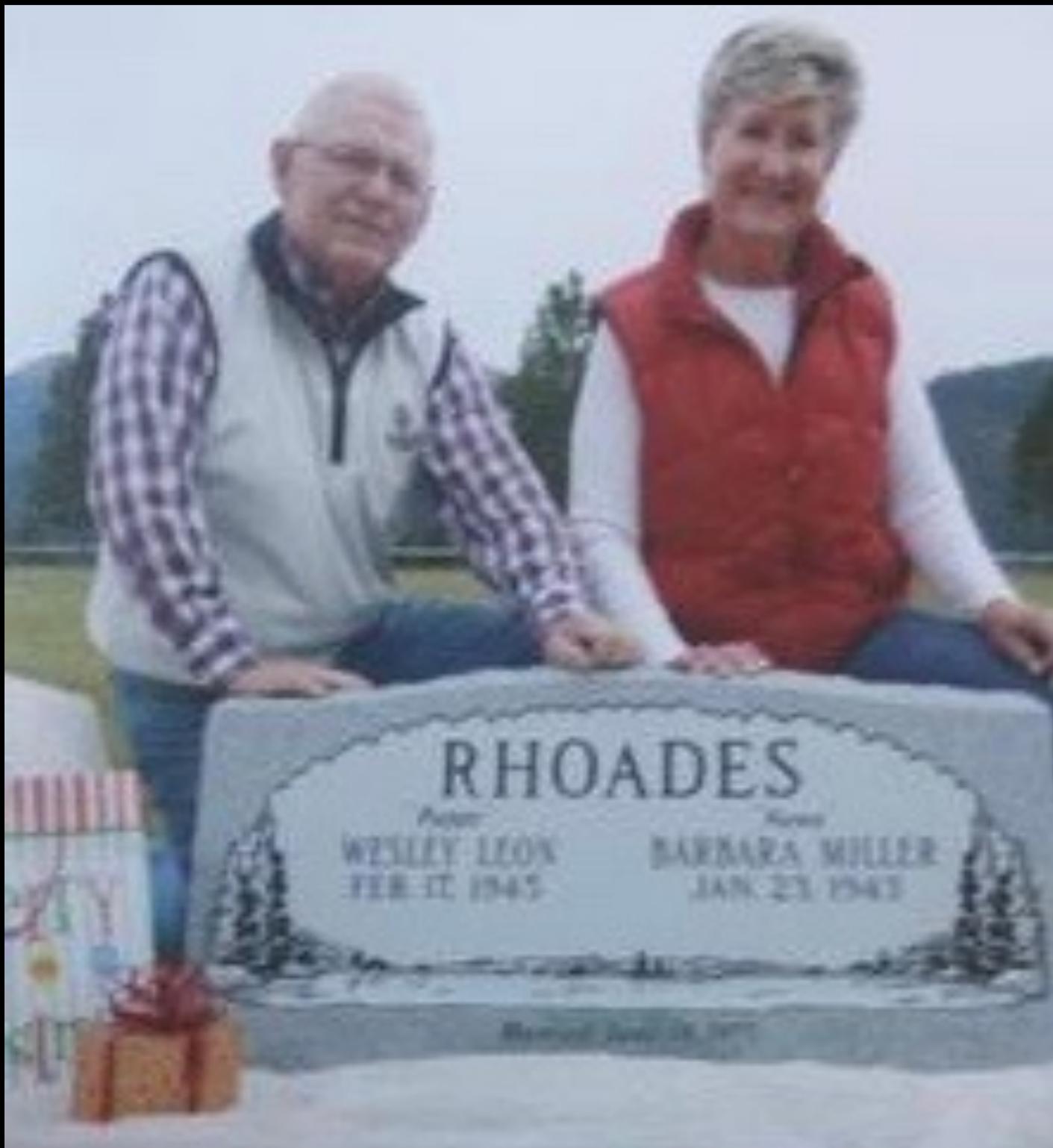




















The Apostle Paul writes:

“But now he has reconciled you by  
Christ’s physical body...

Colossians 1:22







*There's a choice we're making  
We're saving our own lives  
It's true we'll make a better day,  
just you and me.*



Somebody asked Bob Dylan,  
"Why were you uncomfortable?"



"I'll tell you why. Because man  
cannot save himself." Bob Dylan







Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly. **20** As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. **21** And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:19-21

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**“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’”**

**Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:23**

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Christ is the visible image of the invisible God.

Colossians 1:15

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“For God was pleased to have  
all his fullness dwell in him”

Colossians 1:19

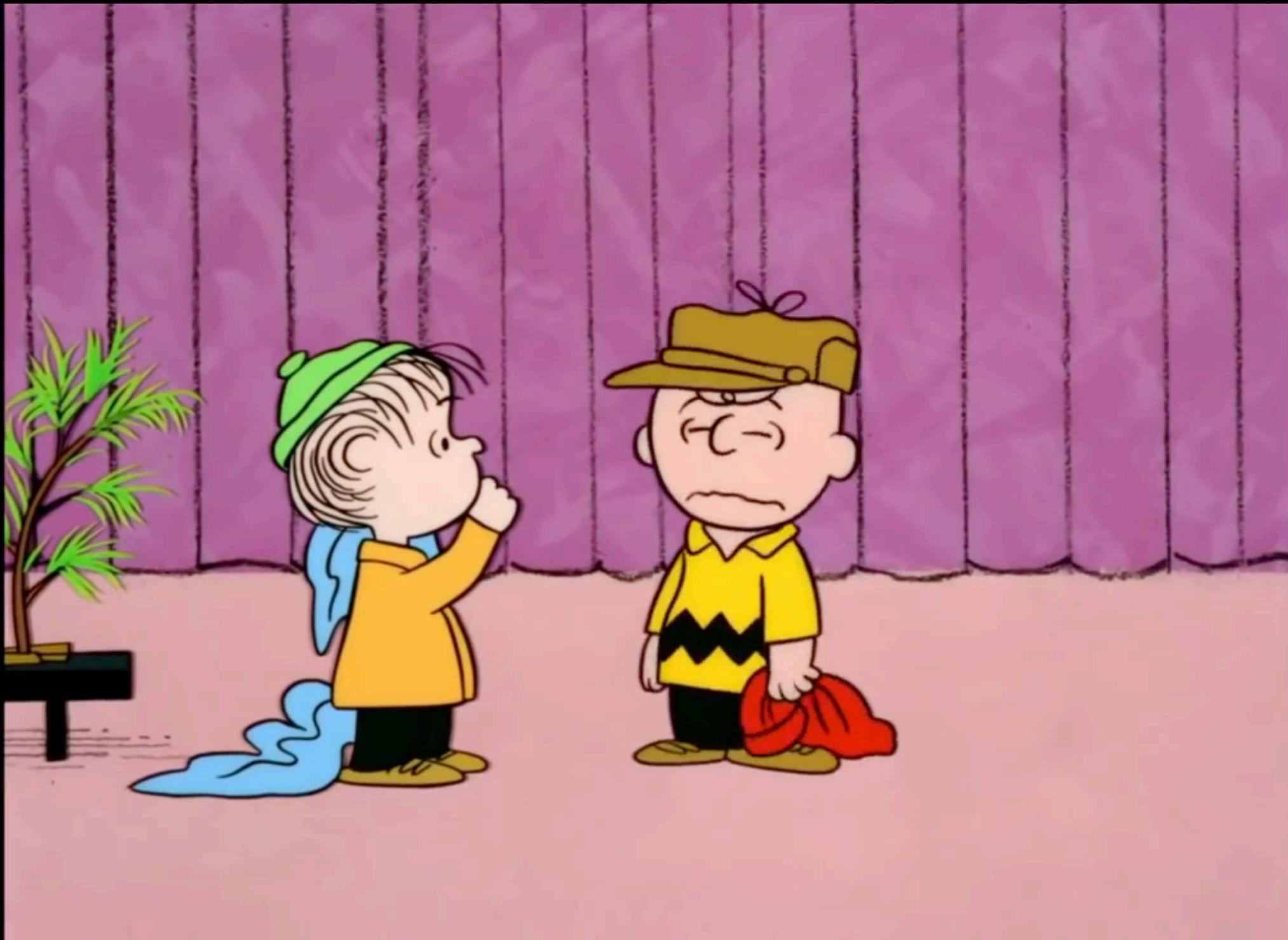
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**"Christ gave up His place as God and made Himself nothing. He was born to be a man and became like a servant. When He was living as a man, He humbled Himself."**

**Philippians 2:5**

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**"Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people."**

**Luke 2:11**

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# J.I. Packer

Author/Theologian



God became man; the divine Son became a Jew; the Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, unable to do more than lie and stare and wiggle and make some noises, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child... The babyhood of the Son of God was a reality. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as is the truth of the Incarnation. J.I. Packer

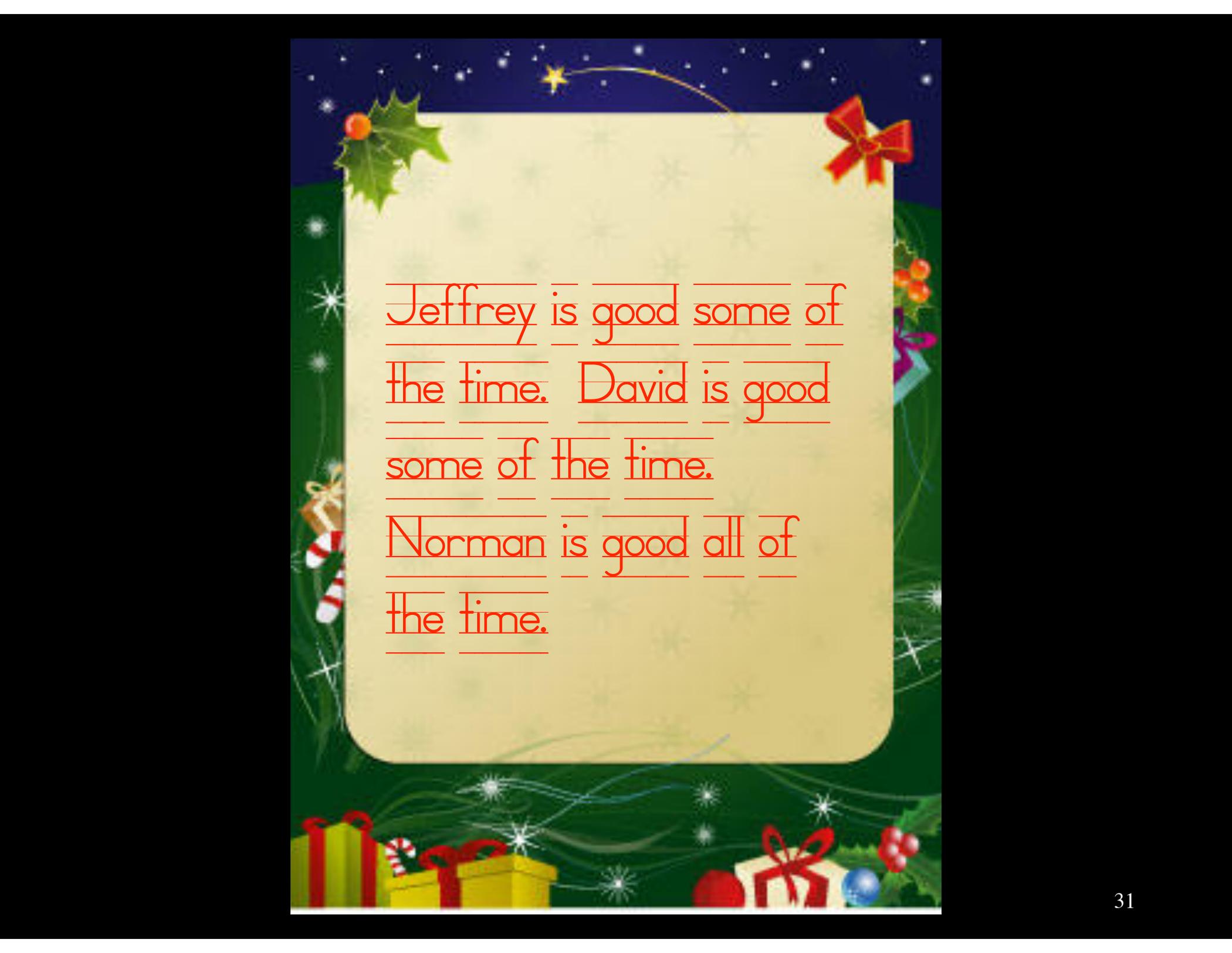


"If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need on earth had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an accountant. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer. But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior."



"Dear Santa, There  
are three little boys who  
live at our house.

There's Jeffrey. He is  
two. There's David. He  
is four. There's  
Norman. He is seven.



Jeffrey is good some of  
the time. David is good  
some of the time.

Norman is good all of  
the time.





“ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

Romans 3:23

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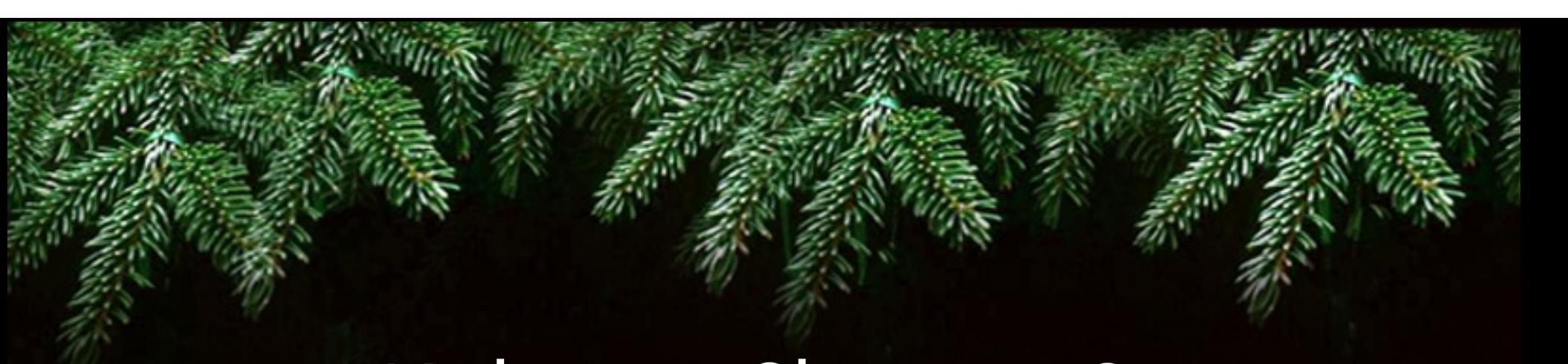


James 4:6

"God opposes the proud but gives  
grace to the humble"

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## Hebrews Chapter 2

"Jesus became like us to set free those who were slaves all their lives because of the fear of death."

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There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. **3** He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care. **4** Yet it was our weaknesses he carried;



It was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! **5** But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. Isaiah 53:2-5





"If anyone is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether. The past is finished and gone. Everything becomes fresh and new."

*Merry Christmas*







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