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a note from **lindsay**

As a nation, we remember to give thanks on November 28, but as a Christian, I encourage you to give thanks to God each and every day of the year. And as we approach Christmas and remember that Jesus is the reason for the season—I believe there's much more to Christmas than that saying. The day that precious little bundle came into the earth, a world changing event happened—peace. True Peace entered into the earth. The Prince of Peace was born. Not the prince of confusion or fear or loneliness or bitterness, but the Prince of Peace.

The holidays can be a wonderful time of fellowship and love, but for many, they can be difficult. I want you to know that you are not alone. Richard and our family and I will have a special time of prayer on Christmas Day, lifting up our partners and loved ones before the Lord. We have stood together and agreed in prayer at Christmas as a family every year since I came into this family almost 34 years ago! It is one of our most cherished traditions.

I pray that the God of peace and His marvelous love surround you every day throughout this holiday season. I pray for your needs to be met and God's blessings on you in every area of your life as you turn to Him today and throughout this season.

Lindsay

P.S. If you need prayer, remember the Abundant Life Prayer Group is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 918-495-7777, including Christmas Day.

Along with this precious
gift of *Jesus* comes
peace, joy, healing,
salvation, and most of all,
everlasting life with Him.



Gratitude for The Gift

by Lindsay Roberts

My seven-year-old Chihuahua, Coco, is somewhat snooty, and she thinks she runs the household. She loves to sit on my lap. She follows me everywhere. If I'm at home, she's never more than a few feet away from me at any moment.

Her twin sister, Ella, is a longhaired Chihuahua from the same litter, but with beautiful, thick, long hair. Ella is my daughter Jordan's dog, and like Jordan, she is extremely sweet and very agreeable.

About two years ago, my daughters acquired another Chihuahua that was only supposed to grow to about four pounds. Nearly ten pounds later, Zuko is the life of the party! She has never met a person or animal she didn't love. She plays all day long until she literally drops to sleep. Zuko loves to play with her "babies" (her stuffed animals) that she genuinely



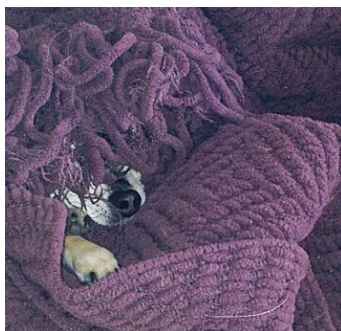
Lindsay with Zuko

treasures, and she will share them with anyone who comes near her.

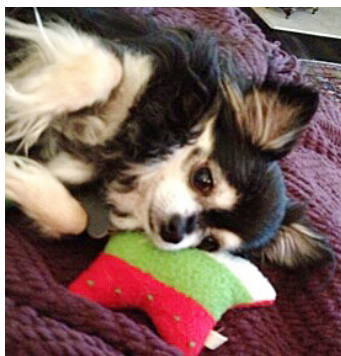
Sharing is her true joy.

The other day, Zuko gathered her babies together and strategically placed them around Coco, beseeching her to enjoy the gift. But Coco was not moved. She had no interest whatsoever in the gift or the giver. However, Ella, true to her gracious nature, received the gift, enjoyed it, and proceeded to rest joyfully with her new treasure.

When my puppy (Zuko) gave her very best, how sad it was when Coco rejected it. But how dear it was to both the giver and the receiver when Ella received the gift.



Coco not only rejected the gift, she hid from it.



Ella



Zuko

This strange puppy behavior made me think of Jesus! He is Heaven's treasure, given as a gift to anyone who would receive Him. Along with this precious gift of Jesus comes peace, joy, healing, salvation, and most of all, everlasting life with Him. Yet, even with the gift right in front of us—staring us in the face, so to speak—many people do not receive this precious gift.

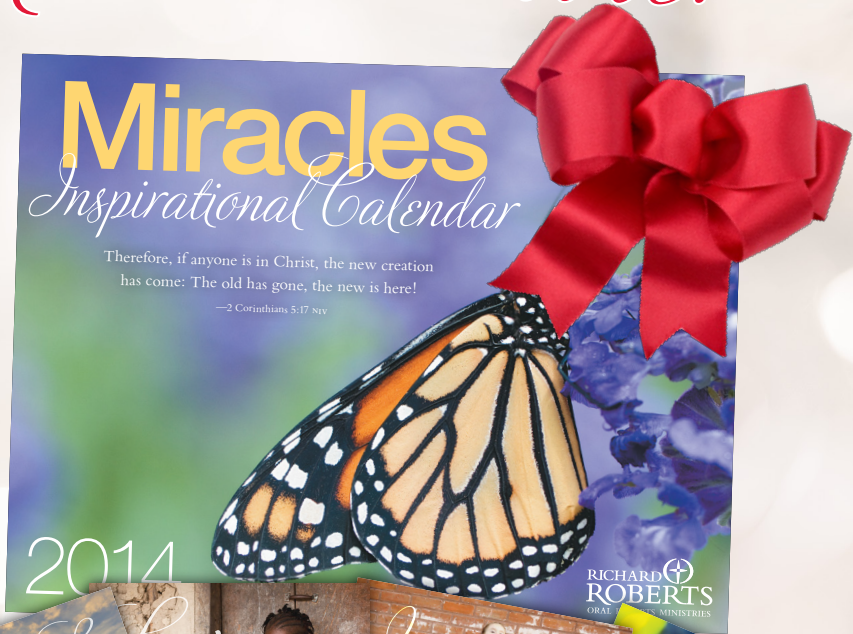
God gave His Son, Jesus, for our every need. Yet as precious as the gift is, we can choose either to reject or receive it.

When my puppy gave her very best, how sad it was when Coco rejected it. But how dear it was to both the giver and the receiver when Ella received the gift. Both dogs were blessed. Jesus, the giver of life, freely gave all He was when He laid down His life on the cross. His intent was for us to receive it.

Psalms 103:1–5 says that when we receive God, we also receive His benefits: *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

As Father God gave the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus, consider receiving that gift today! And when you receive His salvation, receive also all the benefits that come from His saving power—the blessings of God, including healing, forgiveness, redemption, and all the good things that come along with the gift, especially the gift of eternal life with Christ. ☀

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—Ginger from Texas



Dawn from California writes:

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On the set of Make Your
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Online anytime!

I watched your program online yesterday, and I believe it was exactly what God wanted me to hear.

Thank you, Lord, for Lindsay! —Melinda

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There was a lot of candy corn in the Make Your Day Count kitchen recently. See page 11 for the fun recipes you can try over the holidays!



in the MYDC kitchen

Individual Chicken Pot Pies

ingredients:

- 1 stick butter
- 2-5 Tbls flour (for the *roux and adjust quantity accordingly)
- 1- 1 ½ cup milk (for the roux and adjust quantity accordingly)
- ⅓ – ½ cup chicken stock
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pkg frozen mixed vegetables
- 2 cups leftover chopped chicken or turkey
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ½ tsp paprika
- 1 can biscuit dough

directions

In a sauce pan, make a *roux by melting butter, then whisking in flour until paste-like. Slowly add milk while whisking to make the “béchamel” sauce base. Add stock and seasonings. Add frozen vegetables, then add the chopped chicken or turkey and stir. Season as needed.

Gently heat the mixture thoroughly. Dish mixture into individual ramekins, filling just over halfway. Cover each ramekin with one individual uncooked biscuit.

Place ramekins on a sheet pan lined with foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 12-14 minutes or until biscuits are golden.

*Great idea for
left-over chicken
or turkey!*



Pilgrim Hat Cookies & Candy Corn Turkey Cookies

(Fun & easy ideas for small children over the holidays!)

Pilgrim Hat Cookies

ingredients:

- 1 pkg of striped shortbread cookies that have one side coated in chocolate
- 1 bag of small chocolate peanut butter cup candies
- 1 tube of yellow frosting

directions:

Turn chocolate peanut butter cups upside down and attach to chocolate side of cookie using the yellow icing as “glue.” Twist the peanut butter cup until icing spreads out in a circle. Pipe a small square on the peanut butter cup to create the look of a pilgrim hat.



Candy Corn Turkey Cookies

ingredients:

- 1 pkg of sugar cookies
- 1 pkg of candy corn
- 1 can vanilla frosting
- 1 small tube each of orange & black icing

directions:

Spread ready-made frosting over sugar cookies. Place one row of candy corn around top half of cookie (that's your turkey feathers!). Dot “eyes” with black icing and pipe “beak” with orange icing.



Crock Pot Pumpkin Spice Lattes

ingredients:

- 2 cups milk
- 2 Tbls canned pumpkin
- 2 Tbls white sugar
- 2 Tbls vanilla
- ½ tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ½ cup brewed espresso OR ¾ cup strong brewed coffee
- garnish with whipped cream, sprinkled cinnamon or cinnamon sticks (optional)

directions:

Add the coffee/espresso and milk to the crock pot. Whisk in the pumpkin, spices, sugar and vanilla.

Cover and cook on high for 2 hours (if ingredients are cold).

Whisk again. Ladle into mugs and garnish with whipped cream and additional cinnamon if desired.

Caution: the latte will be hot!

Wrap up some
"life-giving" gifts
for your loved
ones!



What's in Your Box?

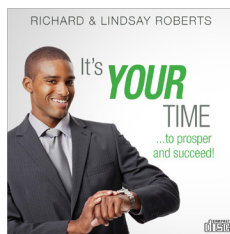
by Lindsay Roberts

In this DVD sermon, Lindsay Roberts shares a lively, memorable message about how you can identify things in your life that don't belong in order to make room for godly things with His help. **\$15**

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Chloe and Jordan are always cooking up some fun in the MYDC Kitchen

Don't go home...

the same way you came!



by Richard Roberts

Two thousand years ago, three Wise Men saw a star in the heavens, and they realized that a baby had been born—not just an ordinary baby—but a baby born to be the King of kings and Lord of lords. The three Wise Men came from the East to worship the Christ child. On their journey, they stopped in Jerusalem and inquired, “Where is the King, for we’ve been following His star?”

They were brought to King Herod, who asked his advisors, “Where does the Scripture say the Christ will be born?” They told him it



would be in the town of Bethlehem. So Herod told the Wise Men, “When you find this Child, tell me where He is, so I may worship Him too.”

Of course, King Herod had no intention of worshipping the Savior. Instead, he was hatching a plot to try to kill the baby. Herod was terrified the young King would undermine his power. But this baby didn’t come to set up an earthly kingdom. He came to establish a heavenly kingdom—a kingdom in the hearts of men and women.

The Wise Men made their way to Bethlehem, where they found the baby Jesus. They worshipped Him and presented Him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterward, they prepared for their journey home.

Herod had told them, “Come back and tell me where the baby is,” but God warned them in a dream, saying, “Don’t go home the same way you came.” ***And the scriptures say they went home a different way.*** Yes, they went home

another way physically... And they also went home another way spiritually. Their lives were transformed forever after an encounter with the Savior!

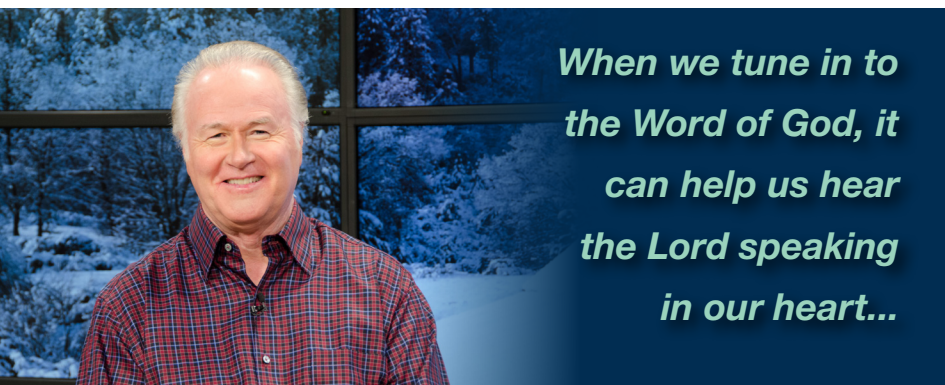
WHAT MADE THE WISE MEN GO HOME ANOTHER WAY?

1. They looked to God's Word

When the Wise Men asked where the Christ Child would be born, they discovered the answers they were seeking could be found in the Scriptures. God’s Word made them wiser than they had been before.

And God's wisdom caused them to go home a different way.

That's a good word to you and me today because *God's wisdom can cause us to go the right way in life!*



2. They Tuned In to the Lord

What happens when you begin to dig into God's Word? You can hear Him speaking to you more clearly. After the Wise Men searched God's Word, they heard the Lord speaking to them through a dream, warning them not to return through Jerusalem where Herod was.

When we tune in to the Word of God, it can help us hear the Lord speaking in our heart, warning us about the tricks of the devil. *It can help keep us safe!*

3. They Brought Gifts to the Savior

The three Wise Men sowed seeds to the Lord out of their love and worship for Him. The first gift they gave Jesus was **gold**, which represented His kingship. No one else seemed to recognize He was a king. But the Wise Men recognized it, and they gave Him gifts worthy of a king.

Later, when Herod issued a death threat against Jewish boys two years of age and younger, Jesus and His parents fled to Egypt. But God had already made provision for their journey through the gifts of the Wise Men.

The Wise Men also gave Jesus **frankincense** because even though no one else seemed to realize it, they knew He was

the Son of God, the Messiah.

And finally, the Wise Men brought Jesus *myrrh*—a spice used to embalm the dead. By the Spirit of the Lord, they must have realized that Jesus was going to die for the sins of the world.

The three Wise Men sowed their seeds to God, and their seed planting caused them to go home a different way from the way they came. *And through your seed planting God can change the course of your life too!*

**What
star
are you
following
today?**

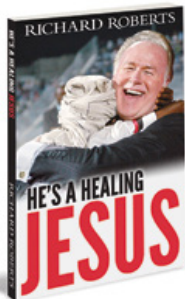
4. They Followed the REAL Star

What star are you following today? When you follow the real star, the Lord Jesus Christ, your life can be transformed. If you want to make Him the Star of your life, I encourage you to pray this prayer from your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the real Star of Christmas, and I want to know You as You really are. Make Yourself real to me this Christmas. I know that You love me because Your Word says that You do in John 3:16.

I ask You to forgive me, cleanse me, and make me new. Forgive me of every sin in my life, and help me to know You as my Savior and Lord of my life. From this moment I will follow the real Star of Christmas, Jesus Christ, and spiritually speaking, I'll go home another way from the way I came! Amen. ☀

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Sabrina's story



***“Everything
that could
go wrong
did!”***

I was addicted to cocaine and prescription drugs off and on for over twenty years. My fiancé struggled with alcoholism. My dear mother had recently passed away from the effects of alcohol abuse. I was absolutely tormented by addiction, sickness, and pain in my body. My life was a wreck. Everything that could go wrong did.

Then one night, I was watching *The Place For Miracles* on TV. My fiancé was in the other room, probably drinking. I went into my bedroom, shut the door, and called the Abundant Life® Prayer Group. I poured my heart out to a prayer partner, and she prayed for me and my family. She prayed in the Holy Spirit with her prayer language. I knew that even though I didn't understand her words, God did, and it was just what I needed. It was so amazing.

After she was finished, I planted a seed-faith gift of \$100 to represent me and my family as an act of faith that we would be made whole. A few months went by, and I still had some hard moments, but my fiancé checked himself into rehab. He told me that something came over him while he was in there, and after thirty years of drinking, he was delivered from any desire for alcohol.

Since that time, I have also been completely and miraculously delivered from addiction. My sons are being shaken and stirred up by God. My body is well. *My family is being made whole, just as we prayed—praise God!*

—Sabrina from Michigan

A miracle
could be just a phone call away!



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