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Dear Friends,

He came as a gift from the Father's heart. The Babe of Bethlehem came as a gift of love from a loving Father. For centuries God had shouted His love to us in creation and He spoke through the prophets. But we didn't hear. So He sent a gift that would show us the incredible love that He has for each of us. He sent a baby. A baby that would be our Savior and our Lord. Jesus Christ is a gift from the Father's heart for each of us.

As we walk through the season of Advent we will center our thoughts on "From the Father's Heart" knowing that in the gift of the Christ Child we are given joy, forgiveness, peace and hope. These are gifts that can transform our lives as the Christ Child is born in our hearts.

As we unwrap these gifts and they become a part of our lives, we have the profound privilege to share them with others, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

My prayer is that this Christmas we clearly see the Father's heart and the wonder of His love for us.

With joy and peace,

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