



# The Heart of Christmas

25 Days to Rediscover Christ and Rekindle Your Faith

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# A Merry Greeting to You!

Thank you for purchasing our Christmas devotional book.

We hope you enjoy a quiet place and peaceful moments as you reflect upon the story of Jesus' birth and discover new and deeper meanings in your faith in Christ.

Blessings and Merry Christmas!

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“For the Son of Man came  
to seek and to save the lost”

— Luke 19:10

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# INTRODUCTION

I must have been about eight or nine years old, lying awake late one night in my darkened room during the Christmas break from school, listening to some random station on my AM radio when a preacher man came on the air and started talking about the birth of Jesus. I have no idea what I had been listening to before the preacher came on -- you didn't have a lot of choices on late night AM radio back in the day. But there was something about this gentleman's voice and tone as he introduced the birth narrative that compelled me to listen. All I remember is that his telling of the story was so moving it brought me to tears. Somehow, it struck the depths of my soul with a love for the baby Jesus... who would become the crucified Christ.

That night only recently resurfaced in my memory. I can't even recall the last time I thought about it.

So what happened during the subsequent forty-three years that would cause me to remain agnostic at best and atheist at worst?

A secular family lifestyle, atheist teachers, social pressures to be cool (or rad, sick, based, sheesh, whatever the term is in today's jargon), along with judgemental "Bible thumping" evangelists, and, no doubt, overly commercialized Christmas seasons, it was all too much for a lost lad like me to overcome.

Eventually, thank God, I did overcome. But I can see those same issues in me then at work in others, today. And not just in those who are simply cultural Christians. It's also evident in regular