

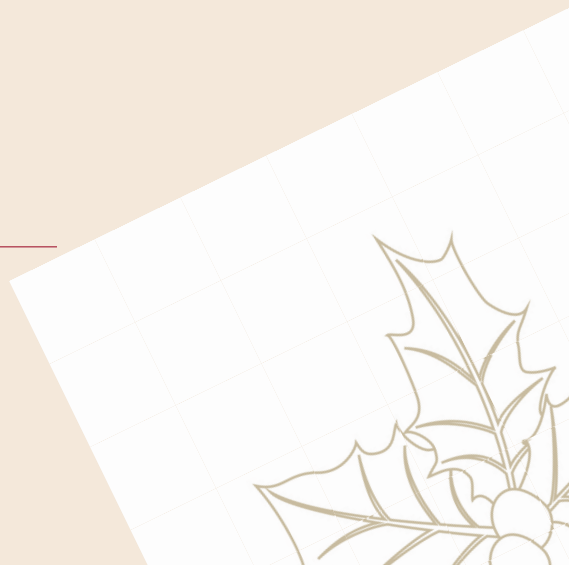


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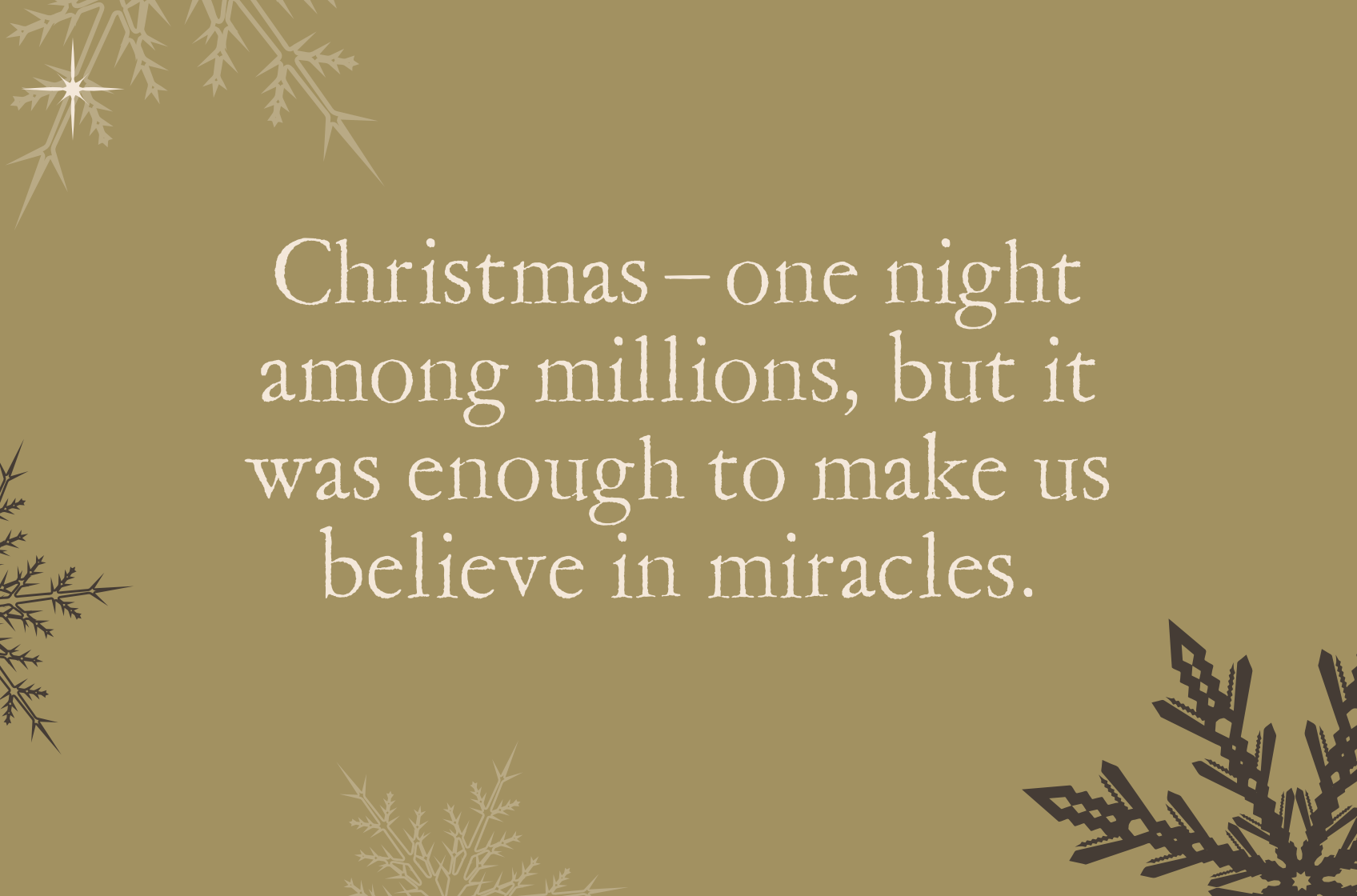
On This Holy Night



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Christmas – one night
among millions, but it
was enough to make us
believe in miracles.





There is no way our little minds can
comprehend the love of God. But that
didn't keep Him from coming.

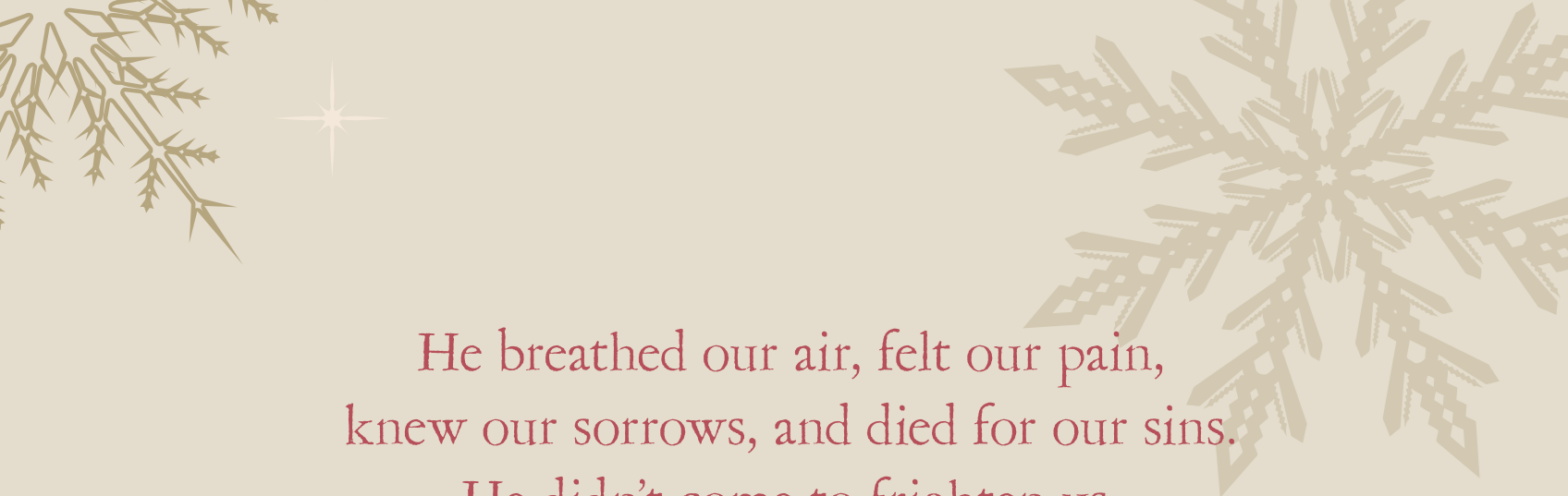
MAX LUCADO





Christmas offers its
wonderful message.
Immanuel.
God with us. . . .







He breathed our air, felt our pain,
knew our sorrows, and died for our sins.

He didn't come to frighten us,
but to show us the way to warmth and safety.

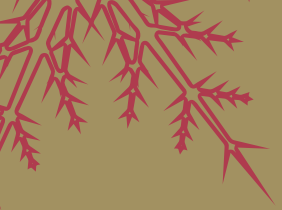
CHARLES R. SWINDOLL



Christmas began in
the heart of God. It is
complete only when it
reaches the heart of man.

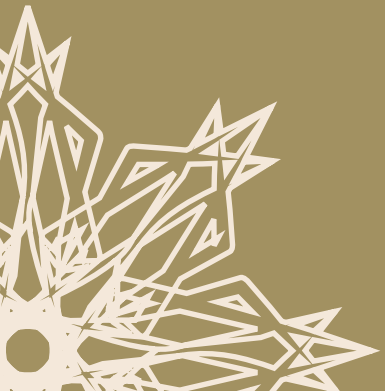
ANONYMOUS







Try to imagine what I gave up when
I came into your world as a baby.
I set aside My Glory, so that
I could identify with mankind. . . .
I became poor so that you might become rich.

SARAH YOUNG








This is Christmas. . . . God
loving, searching, giving
Himself – to us. Man's
needing, receiving, giving
himself – to God.




RUTH BELL GRAHAM






While the innkeeper tended to his guests, the
devoted husband tended to his wife, and the
shepherds tended to their flocks, a Child came
to tend to their souls. And ours.



When Christ entered
our world, He didn't
come to brighten our
Decembers, but to
transform our lives.

RICH MILLER





The very purpose of Christ's coming into
the world was that He might offer up His
life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He
came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.



BILLY GRAHAM





Christmas is the
most stunning rescue
story of all time. . . .








Under cover of night, in a remote village in
Palestine, in a world held captive by the dark
prince, God comes to earth as a human being,
a little boy. He invades the human race
in order to rescue the human race.

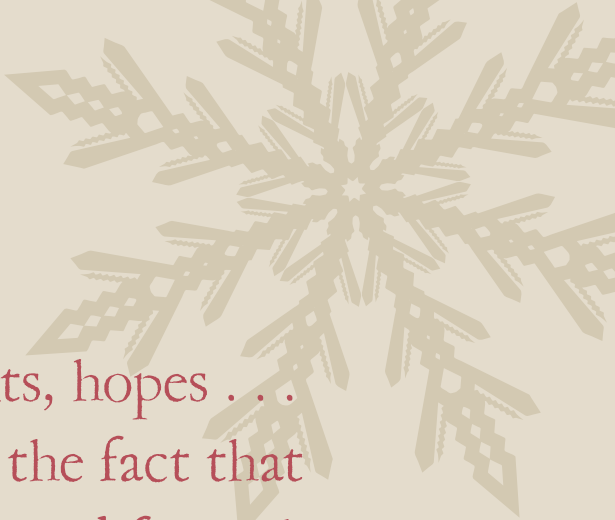
JOHN ELDREDGE





Christmas is reassurance
that God keeps His
promises, then and now.







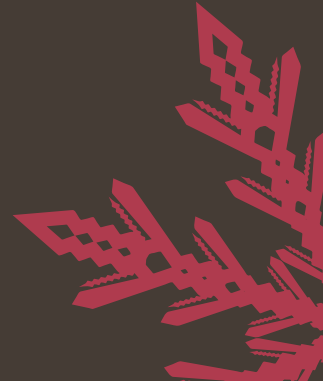
A prison cell, in which one waits, hopes . . .
and is completely dependent on the fact that
the door of freedom has to be opened from the
outside, is not a bad picture of Advent.


DIETRICH BONHOEFFER





Oh holy night . . . the Light
entered the darkness, and
everything changed.





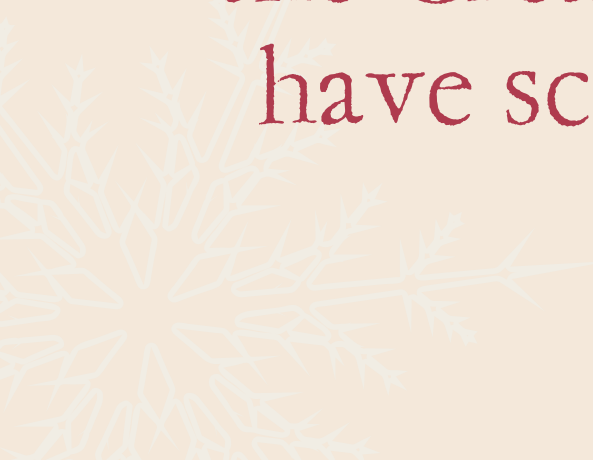
One night . . . among the wrinkled hills of
Bethlehem . . . God, who knows no before or
after, entered time and space. God, who knows
no boundaries, took on the shocking confines of a
baby's skin, the ominous restraints of mortality.

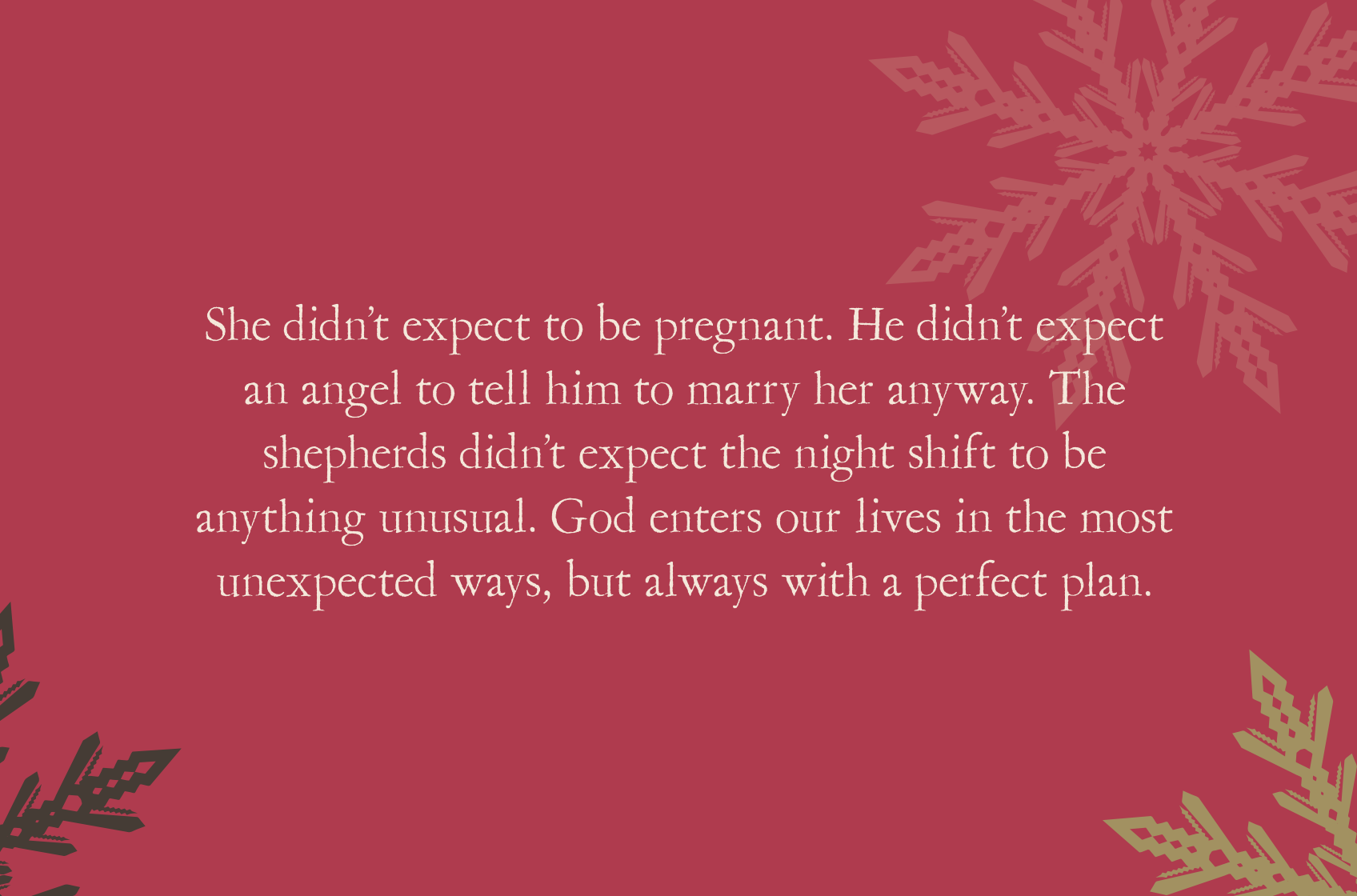
PHILIP YANCEY





Think of the originality
that went into the first
Christmas. . . . No one but
the Creator Himself would
have scripted it that way.

DAVID JEREMIAH






She didn't expect to be pregnant. He didn't expect an angel to tell him to marry her anyway. The shepherds didn't expect the night shift to be anything unusual. God enters our lives in the most unexpected ways, but always with a perfect plan.



Christmas – the idea
of divine love was
wrapped up in a Person.

HALFORD E. LUCCOCK







For God so loved the world that He gave His
only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him
should not perish but have everlasting life.

JOHN 3:16





God walked down the
stairs of heaven with a
Baby in His arms.

PAUL SCHERER







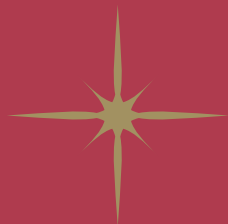
Mary didn't know whether
to give Him milk or give Him praise,
but she gave Him both since He was,
as near as she could figure, hungry and holy.

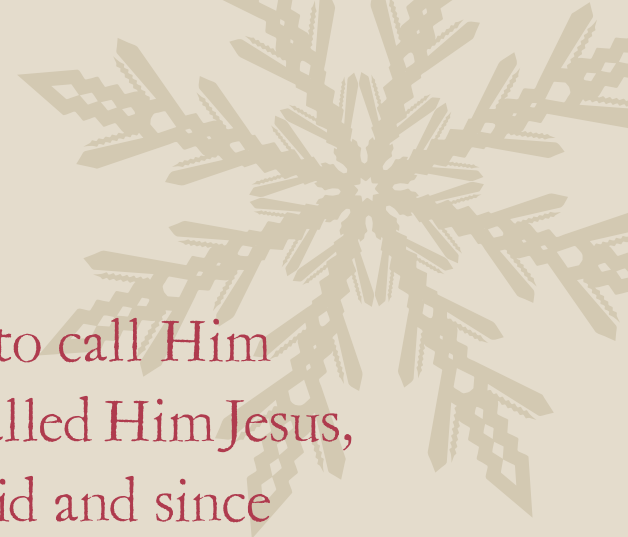

MAX LUCADO





God became man.
Marvel at the mystery.







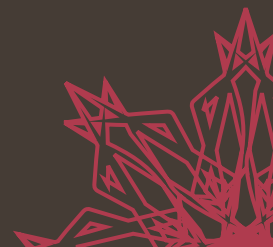
Joseph didn't know whether to call Him
Junior or Father. But in the end called Him Jesus,
since that's what the angel said and since
he didn't have the faintest idea what to name
a God he could cradle in his arms.


MAX LUCADO





Christmas allows us to
redefine “impossible.”





The angel answered and said to her,
“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the
power of the Highest will overshadow you;
therefore, also, that Holy One who is to
be born will be called the Son of God. . . .
For with God nothing will be impossible.”

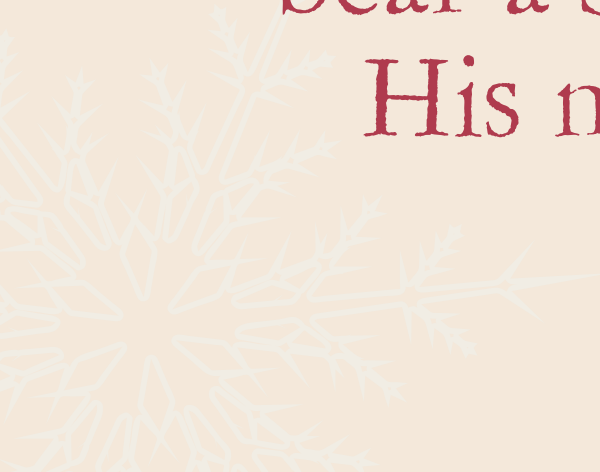
LUKE 1:35, 37





The Lord Himself will
give you a sign: Behold, the
virgin shall conceive and
bear a Son, and shall call
His name Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14






The greatest gift God gives is His presence.
His name is Immanuel—God with us.

HENRY AND RICHARD BLACKABY






Christmas is to forget
ourselves in the
service of others.

HENRY C. LINK








It is Christmas every time you let God
love others through you. . . . Yes, it is
Christmas every time you smile at your
brother and offer him your hand.

MOTHER TERESA





The newborn Child
was comforted in the
arms of His mother.
For eternity His people
will be comforted
by the strong arm
of His Father.





And she brought forth her firstborn Son,
and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths,
and laid Him in a manger, because there
was no room for them in the inn.


LUKE 2:7





On that first Christmas,
Truth incarnate didn't need
the world's press. . . .






No newspapers covered the story. No CNN[®]. No Internet. Yet God's history-changing entrance into the world is still well remembered and celebrated centuries later.



On that sleepy, star-spangled
night, those angels peeled
back the sky just like you
would tear open a sparkling
Christmas present. . . .







Then with light and joy pouring out of
heaven like water through a broken dam,
they began to shout and sing the message
that baby Jesus had been born. . . .
The angels called it “good news,” and it was.

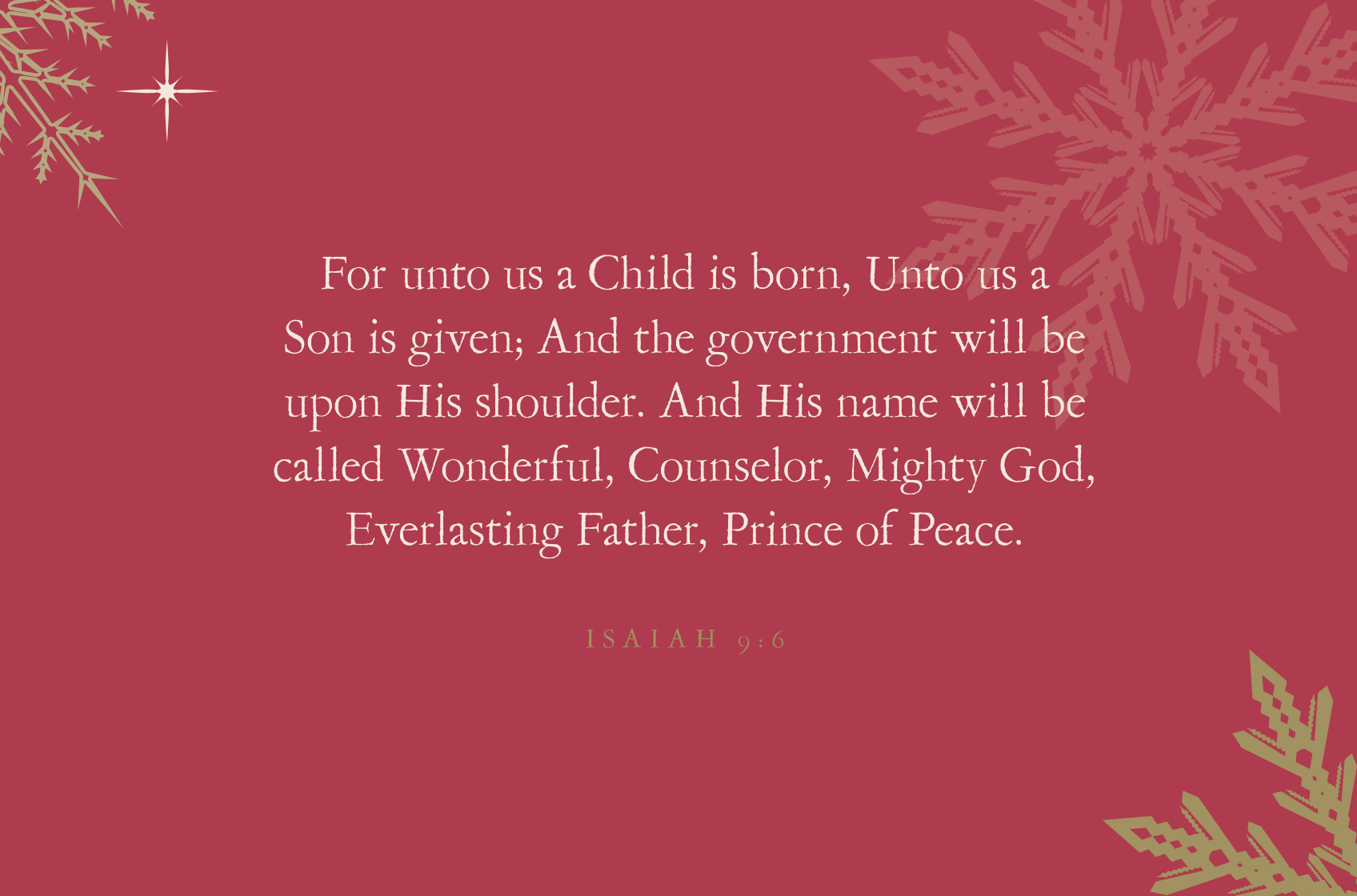
LARRY LIBBY







Sometimes . . . we forget the
true meaning of Christmas –
the birth of the Prince of
Peace, Jesus Christ.

RONALD REAGAN



For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a
Son is given; And the government will be
upon His shoulder. And His name will be
called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.


ISAIAH 9:6




On Christmas Day . . .
the birth of a tiny baby
in an obscure village
in the Middle East was
God's supreme triumph
of good over evil.

CHARLES COLSON





Our freedom has come in an unexpected way.
Freedom from the consequences of sin, gained for us
by One born of peasants in a truck-stop town in Judea.





The way to Christmas lies
through . . . a little gate,
child-high, child-wide, and
there is a password: “Peace on
earth to men of good will.”

ANGELO PATRI







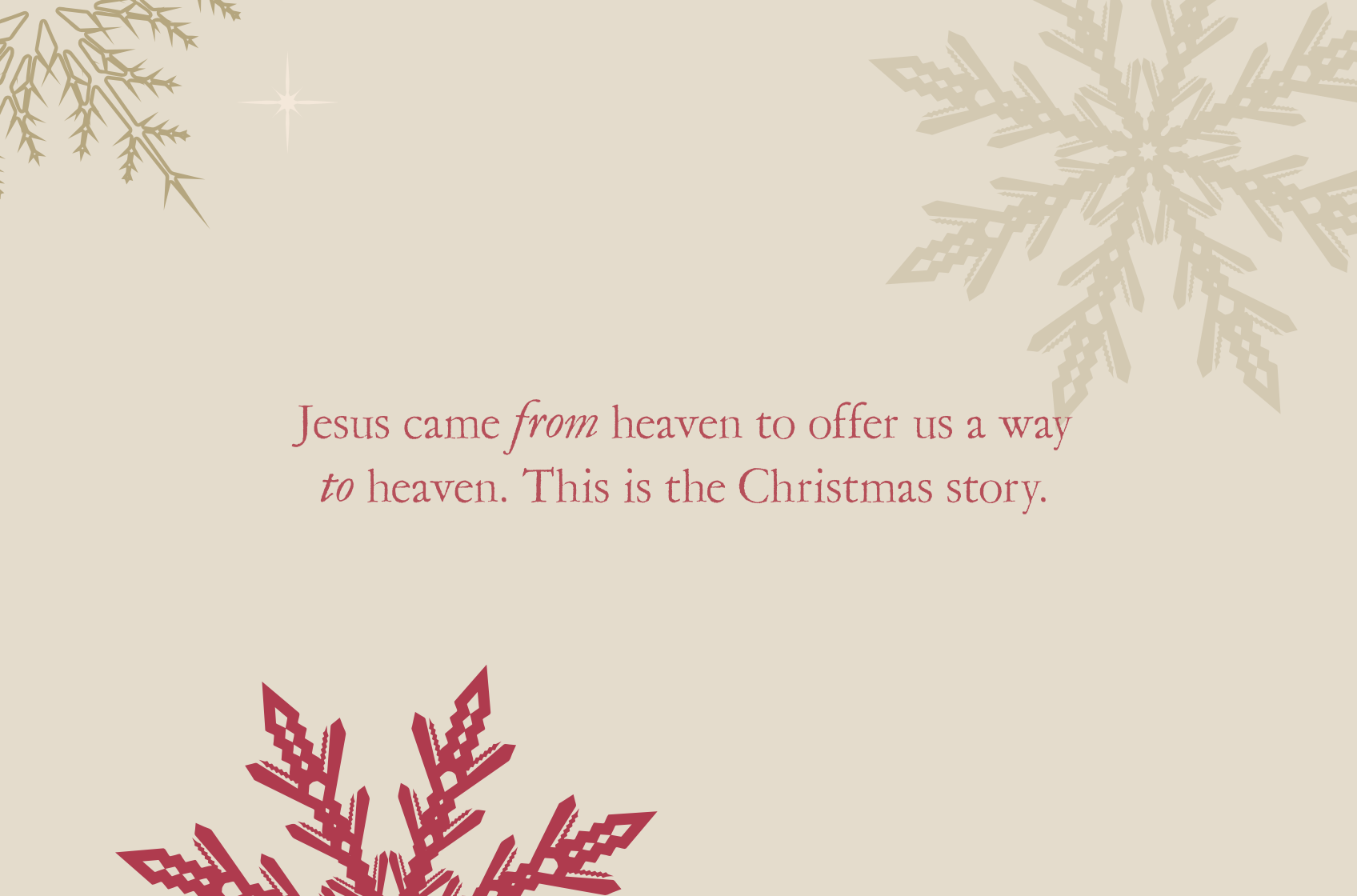
And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising God
and saying: “Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

LUKE 2:13-14







On that holy night,
God sent *His* Son to save
our sons and daughters.



Jesus came *from* heaven to offer us a way
to heaven. This is the Christmas story.



It is good to be children
sometimes, and never
better than at Christmas
when its mighty Founder
was a child Himself.

CHARLES DICKENS





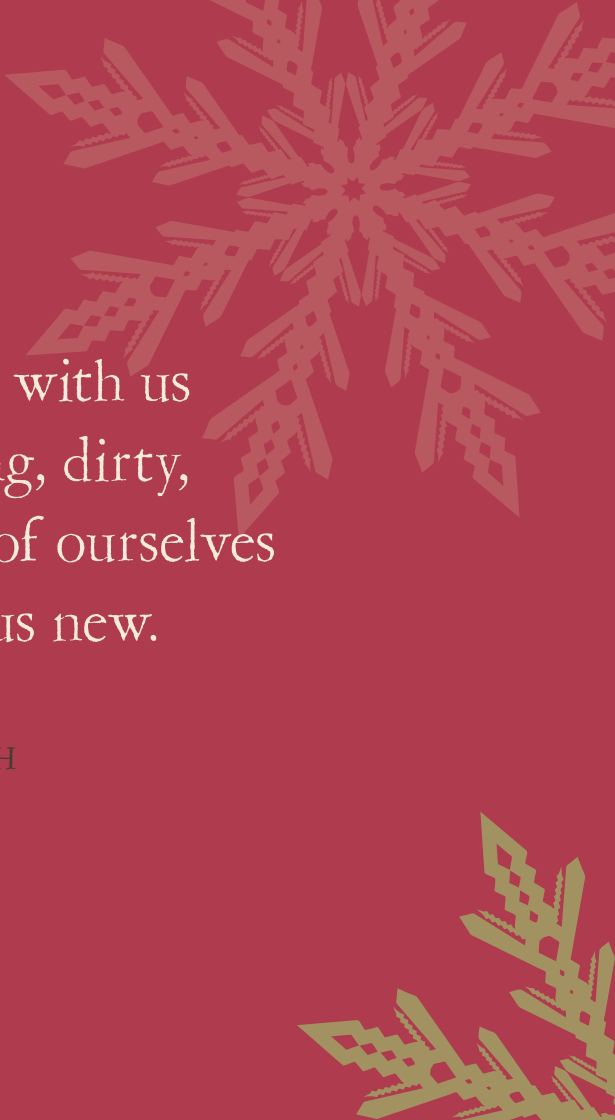
And this will be the sign to you: You will find a
Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.

LUKE 2:12



If we only focus on the birth
of Jesus as a sweet story, . . .
then we miss out on what can
happen for us tonight. . . .





The God who comes to be with us
can take the shabby, hurting, dirty,
abandoned, humiliating parts of ourselves
and will make them and us new.


JENNIE C. OLBRYCH



Christmas. . . .
We cannot prepare for
an observance. We must
prepare for an experience.

HANDEL H. BROWN







Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid,
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great
joy which will be to all people. For there
is born to you this day in the city of David
a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

LUKE 2:10-11





God saw what the world
most desperately needed,
and what He chose to give
us was Himself. . . . This is
the message of Christmas.

JOHN ELDREDGE






The Son of God became a man
to enable men to become the sons of God.


C . S . LEWIS





If we could condense all
the truths of Christmas
into only three words,
these would be the words:
“God with us.” . . .








More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the
truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent
Creator of the heavens and the earth!

JOHN MACARTHUR





On Christmas, heavenly
glories were exchanged for
a humble humanity.



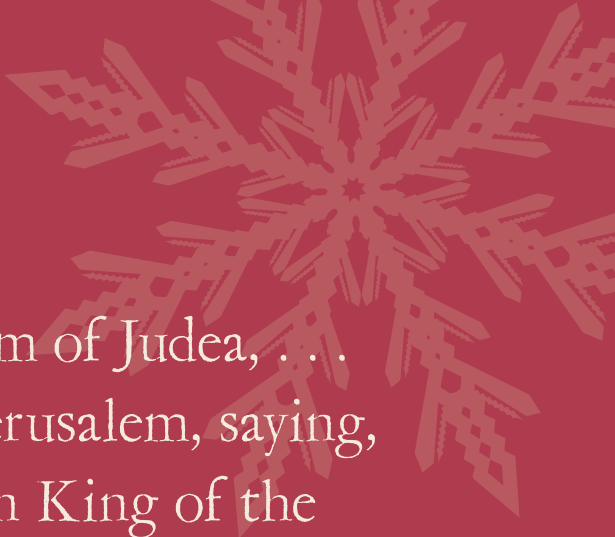
If Christ had been born to a princess
mother and a knighted father, in a well-
appointed nursery behind castle walls,
would we easily believe that He wanted
to be our friend, much less our Savior?



Wise men still seek Him.

ANONYMOUS





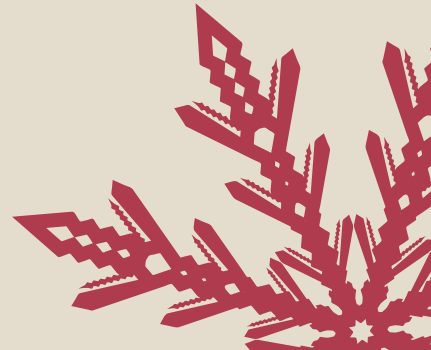
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, . . .
wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is He who has been born King of the
Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and
have come to worship Him.”


MATTHEW 2:1-2





God came to us because He
wanted to join us on the road,
to listen to our story. . . .






This is the great mystery of Christmas that
continues to give us comfort and consolation:
we are not alone on our journey.

HENRI NOUWEN





A thrill of hope the
weary world rejoices, . . .
O night divine, the night
when Christ was born.

PLACIDE CAPPEAU DE ROQUEMAURE,
TRANSLATED BY JOHN SULLIVAN DWIGHT

