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Greetings, CBC Family & Friends,

It is 6:12 AM (the time this missive was penned), and as I am praying for each of you collectively on this holy Christmas Eve, an overwhelming sense of gratitude came over me. I am always grateful, but this morning was different.

This morning, God reminded me of just how easy it is for people, situations, and circumstances to distract us from recognizing how blessed we are. Life has a way of magnifying challenges, highlighting disappointments, and pressing us with pressures that can cloud our perspectives. Yet, despite it all, here you are.

With every challenge faced, every setup encountered, every setback endured, and every obstacle navigated, the simple fact that you are still standing—still believing, still pressing, still here - is a testimony all by itself. It is evidence of God's keeping power, His sustaining grace, and His unfailing faithfulness.

On this Christmas Eve, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I want you to pause and give thanks - not only for what God has done, but for what He has brought you through. The same God who came to us wrapped in humility is the God who has walked with you through every season, carrying you when you were too tired to carry yourself.

As we celebrate one of the great mysteries of our faith: the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, and remember how heaven touched earth, eternity entered time, and hope was born in a manger, please know that you are covered in prayer, remembered with thanksgiving, and genuinely appreciated.

I pray that this Christmas season refreshes your spirit, deepens your devotion, and reorients your life toward Christ and not whatever your crisis may be. May your homes be places of peace, your families be covered by grace, and your future be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Merry Christmas and may the blessings of our Christ be with you, in Jesus' name!

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