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Слава Ісусу Христу!
Glory to Jesus Christ!

May You Encounter Christ Today!

At the center of my many obligations, distractions and goals, I quietly ponder all of you and your lives. I go to the eye of the storm of all that identifies each of us.

I hold you all in prayer during the difficult times we find ourselves in. There are numerous issues that are pulling on us for our immediate attention. Yet each of us has but one heart. Let us remember to always give it first to God. Then, “Do everything with love.” This helps us slow things down somewhat and allows us to heal the fractures that find their way into our lives. Juggling in the air our soft balls (things that bring us comfort and joy) and the torches (things that are possible but likely dangerous) all at once is a challenge. Each of us face it but we never face it alone. He is born in you, in the cave/manger of your heart. So, be less surprised but cherish more fondly when others will come to you to visit Him. Who are the Wisemen and Shepherds that will come to you this Christmas? They have been invited by the angels to meet Christ in you and be assured of gentle but undeniable Good News about the dignity of a person!

God has given each of us a family. Like the last spoon of a delicious dessert, reach into your thoughts and savour the memories God has gifted you with from your family. Through each person Jesus sprinkles us with many messages but ultimately the one we can sit with at the end of the day is, “... and that was how I showed you I Love You that time.” Review the mystery of your memory album with Jesus at your side. It is not just an image or reflection trick but indeed His promise to you.

May you take advantage of the personal message of love that God wishes you to take in, deeper than normal, in a time of quiet reflection. Tapped into this stream of living water, may the roots of your heart sip the refreshing liquid of MEANINGFULNESS and BELONGING, for in Christ all things, activities, failings, shortcomings, thoughts, hopes and aspirations find their meaning. Your life photos under the categories of charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity came as fails and wins. Put the captions under the pics sometime today.

Just wanted to share what is on my heart and see if it is on yours as well.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

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