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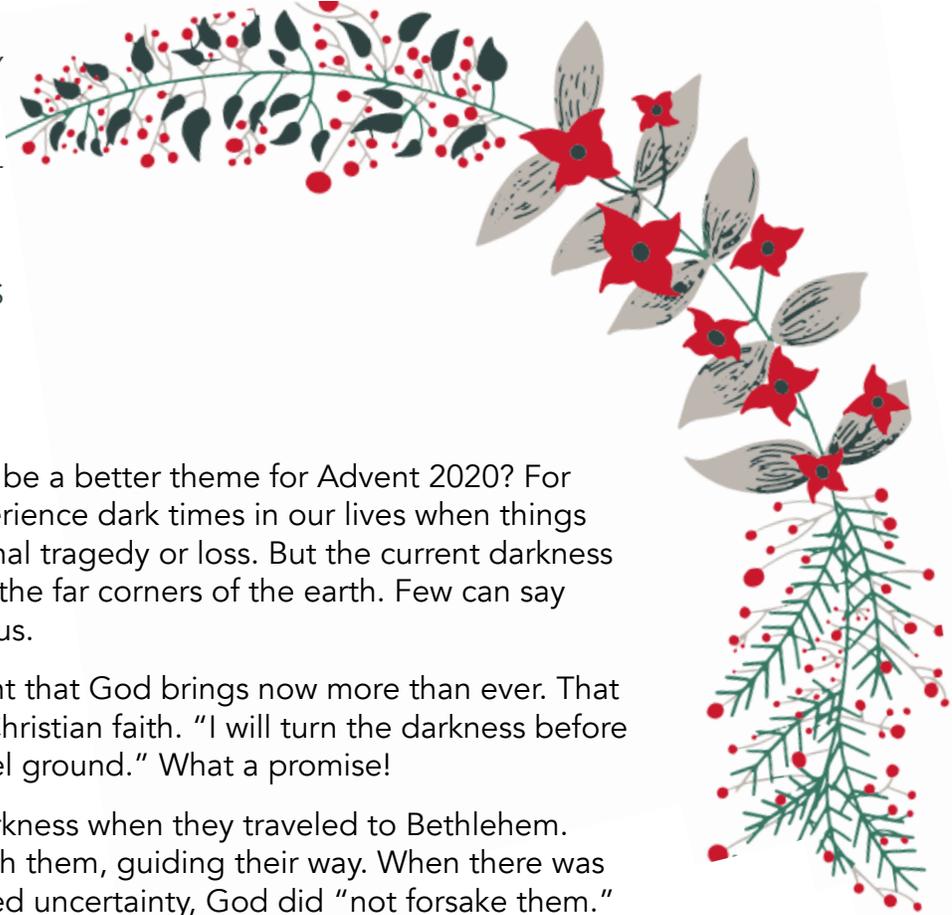
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# ADVENT DEVOTIONAL HOPE IN A TIME OF COVID

## A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

ISAIAH 42:16

I WILL LEAD THE BLIND BY A ROAD THEY DO NOT KNOW, BY PATHS THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN I WILL GUIDE THEM. I WILL TURN THE DARKNESS BEFORE THEM INTO LIGHT, THE ROUGH PLACES INTO LEVEL GROUND. THESE ARE THE THINGS I WILL DO, AND I WILL NOT FORSAKE THEM.



The Light in the Darkness . . . could there be a better theme for Advent 2020? For most of 2020 for that matter? We all experience dark times in our lives when things may not go our way, when we face personal tragedy or loss. But the current darkness is worldwide. The pandemic has reached the far corners of the earth. Few can say they've been untouched by the coronavirus.

During these dark times, we need the light that God brings now more than ever. That light, that hope is the foundation of our Christian faith. "I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground." What a promise!

Mary and Joseph were in the midst of darkness when they traveled to Bethlehem. Their path was unknown, yet God was with them, guiding their way. When there was no place for them at the inn and they faced uncertainty, God did "not forsake them."

"I will lead the blind by a road they do not know . . ." Since March, we've all been on a road we do not know. We may not see the light at the end of the tunnel right now, but the light and the hope that comes with the birth of Jesus on Christmas and the promise that the Savior of the world has arrived is all we need.



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DEAR JESUS, COMFORT ME.  
HELP ME SEE THAT YOU ARE ALL THE  
LIGHT I NEED RIGHT NOW.  
AMEN.