



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; greetings that are a familiar refrain at this time of year. I have had much time to reflect on those words over the last few weeks and they have come to mean so much more than a holiday greeting. As you may have realized this is a bit later than our traditional Christmas thank you. The journey this year has taken a few detours. Nonetheless we are so thankful for each and every one of you and your support of what Racing with Jesus Ministries does in the name of our Lord and Savior.

As we continue to move through uncharted territory of pandemics, isolation, challenges and difficulties, remember we are not immune from those challenges. Like the world around us we face the same trials and tribulations. The storms of life come to all. There is a difference though.

We don't walk this road alone. We walk this road alongside each other. We walk this road with our focus on our Lord. We walk this road with the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that comes with knowing Jesus as our Savior. Therein lies our purpose, therein lies our ministry to others. We are not created to be independent but interdependent. If we let ourselves be isolated, we will surely miss what the Lord has for us.

Thank you so much for coming alongside and providing the resources, partnership and prayer support we need to walk alongside the racing community. Your willingness to hold us up gives us the strength and courage we need to walk through the darkest valley. When the storm passes, we will be able to stand.

Many different Scriptures come to mind at this time of the year, but the one I find most encouraging is from Isaiah, it reveals the attributes of the God we serve;

*Isaiah 9:6; NLT; For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

The gift of a Savior, Wonderful, Mighty, Everlasting Prince; Counselor, God, Father; Peace!

We have been through the loss this year of one of our very dedicated chaplains. We have had the schedule adjusted so many times we wonder if "normal" is something ever to be returned to. But let me assure you, God is with us, He continues to comfort, protect and open doors for us. He provides even when we cannot see a provision.

We will miss the presence of Bob Menschner at Wall Stadium, a fixture there at the track, he was Wall Stadium. For many years he represented Racing with Jesus as our Chaplain there and at Evergreen Speedway. He will be so missed.

But God did not leave the void empty; He called another alongside to be there for those at Wall. Tom Simmons has come onboard to minister to the Wall faithful and has already taken part in helping with the Turkey Derby. Bob was someone who we miss dearly and while there is no one who could replace him I am encouraged that God already had a provision. Not only for us but for those at Wall. Even in the midst of the storm, God is there, moving, providing, giving hope.

While I am not sure where this is all going or if it will end, I am sure of the God we serve. He is good, He has a plan, and His Will will be accomplished. It is with that assurance we say thank you for your dedicated support of His mission through us. You are the ones holding our arms up during the battle. Your encouragement means more than words can express.

Joyfully In His service,

Rev. Don and the entire RWJM Team