

CHRISTMAS IS HEAVEN UNWRAPPED

...and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared... Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

MY FIVE MOST EXCITING MOMENTS WERE...

Do I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN... now?

IMAGINE AN OPEN-HEAVEN CHRISTMAS...

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty. Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)



UNCONTAINABLE BLESSINGS...

UNMISTAKABLE PRESENCE...

UNWRAPPING HEAVEN

"I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty. "But you ask, 'How are we to return?' 'Will a man rob God?' Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse the whole nation of you because you are robbing me. Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." Malachi 3:6-10 (NIV)

Return to God!

Develop a Generous Spirit.

Take the Christmas Dare.

What if we only had **ONE CHRISTMAS** to get it right?