**RISE UP** in 2021

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**A Christmas You’ll Never Forget**

The Purpose of ***Moments***



Every day is filled with **moments**.

*Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.* Dr. Seuss

**The Purpose of Moments**

To experience **God** as a part of our **everyday** lives.

*The clock is running.* ***Make the most of today****. Time waits for no man. Yesterday is* ***history****. Tomorrow is a* ***mystery****. Today is a* ***gift****.* ***That’s why it is called the present.*** Alice Morse Earle

*This is* ***the day that the Lord has made****; let us rejoice and be glad in it.* Psalm 118:24

*God speaks to every individual through what happens to them moment by moment.* Jean-Pierre de Caussade

God is in every **moment** … that makes each moment **sacred**.

*We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.* Brother Lawrence, The Practice of the Presence of God

To experience **life** in a way that we gain **insight** about ourselves and the **world** around us.

*The purpose in a man’s heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.* Proverbs 20:5

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.* Matthew 11:28–30

To experience **connection** and build **relationship** with others.

*Walk in wisdom toward* ***outsiders****, making* ***the best use of the time****.* Colossians 4:5

*So then,* ***as we have opportunity****, let us* ***do good to everyone****, and especially to those who are of the* ***household of faith****.* Galatians 6:10

**Creating Moments**

We do not remember **days**; we remember **moments**.

Pray for the **people** who you want to see experience a moment.

Identify the **place** where the moment will happen.

Prepare the **plan** to make a moment possible.

Flip the **script** to create the unexpected.

Today’s **moments** are tomorrow’s **memories**.

Jesus created a **moment** that changed the world!

*For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “****This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me****.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “****This cup is the new covenant in my blood****. Do this,* ***as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*** *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.* 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

***… in a moment****, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.* 1 Corinthians 15:52