

CHRISTMAS 2008

Family and Friends,

I am lovin' reading your Christmas letters. Thank you for attempting to figure out what God is doing in your lives and telling us about it. I will do the same.

About us: We are both octogenarians now, but since we don't hang around anybody our age we don't know how we are supposed to act. ...or not. Because God encourages us regularly from disciples of the past that "our work has not been in vain" we forge ahead, continuing to teach and train the spiritual leaders of tomorrow. Ted records podcasts that contain biblical devotionals as well as thoughts on current issues. I continue to write and teach studies for women and for our website. Music is always in my life and so are the delightful people with whom I play and sing the music.

About family: Six grandkids are keeping their parents close to God. Doug and Robin's business and community challenges keep them close to God; Jeff and Carla's professorships and counseling practices keep them close to God; Dee's speaking to thousands of kids about abstinence and Brent's defense development work keep them close to God. ...and we get to support them all with love, prayer and scripture.

Now let's talk about Jesus: He brackets all of time. He was in the beginning and He is awaiting us there at the end of time. Behind the media's daily recital of corruption and violence, His mighty controlling hand permits some things to happen while restraining more than we can imagine.

It all will end when He returns in His glory and establishes His Kingdom upon the earth. ...but first, He will take us *Home*... to **EAT**... for seven years... with Jesus our Groom and all the others who make up His Bride. Until then, this is what He tells us to do: "But you, dear friends, ...keep yourselves in God's **love** as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life." Jude 21.

We are so very thankful for you who pray for us, support us, and keep us movin' toward that Day!

— Jo and Ted



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