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[Mark 14:60-65](#)

The Advent Season is a time to sit and wait - to ponder the living God who will come to redeem us. That should bring us great joy – to know that we will be saved by Grace. However, we also know that Jesus must be sacrificed for us to receive that Grace.

The only time I have had a glimpse into something like the sacrifice that God, the Father, made when he offered his own son, was the night I found out that my cousin Nicholas had been killed while serving in the Air Force. The family found out late on a Saturday night. We all drove to my aunt and uncle's house to be with them when they arrived home. About 3 or 4 in the morning, a large group of family members gathered to grieve. My uncle led us in a prayer for Nicholas, knowing that his family had sacrificed a son, and that their son was redeemed by another Father's sacrifice. In that moment, I had a small glimpse of the sacrifice that God made for all of us.

As we contemplate the birth of Christ (and the absolute joy that it brings), let us also remember (and not lose sight of) the sacrifice that he made for us, so that we may all be redeemed by his Grace.

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