

you. So who is the only person on earth who can make this a living reality for you? Who do you recon it is?

I've heard people tell me church is boring! I've heard people tell me they get nothing out of it. I've heard people tell me an hour is about all they can cope with; that's the service not the sermon. Who do you recon is the only person on earth who can transform this promise of Jesus, to have a living a dynamic relationship with him, into a living dynamic reality? Have you notice Jesus isn't after an hour a week; he's after you, after sharing his life with you, person to person, today.

Jesus said to me this week; 'Tell 'm, I'm coming! You choose how!

Jesus, I want to know you, I want to be living loved by you. I want to know your hunger in my soul, your hunger to save people, your desire to heal people. Save me from empty words; give me the words to say when you lead me to the sick this week. Open my mouth to declare you kingdom there. Jesus give me your hunger to free people, to show the world that you love them, and that you give real hope and not wishful thinking.

Jesus flood my soul with the Spirit that I walk through this week intimately listening to you, eager to hear, willing to act, passionate about being known by you, about knowing you, so that in all I say and do your kingdom comes and your will is done.

Brother come and free me from all lies, from my selfishness. Brother come and let me hear you speaking Father's love into my soul. I hear you're coming. Come on in and make yourself at home; you're welcome. Transform me a bit more this week to be like you, Brother.

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## HOPE Advent 1



How's your week been? What's God been saying to you? Would you like to know what he's been saying to me this week? Here it comes ready or not!

I received an audio email and it began; Tell 'm I'm coming!

That was Jesus; Tell 'm I'm coming! The next phrase was; You choose how I come!

It strikes me that at Christmas time we still welcome Jesus as a babe. What sort of relationship does that create; Jesus is this cute little babe. Is that who he is, today?

Tell 'm I'm coming! You choose how!

If I leave Jesus as the little babe in the manger, what sort of relationship am I living with him today? Somehow I don't think

I'll be living the relationship Jesus was born for us to celebrate with him if I stall our relationship at that stage.

Am I even in danger of making Jesus irrelevant for my daily life, for the real challenges of life, for how I see myself, how I treat other people? If I relegate Jesus to some 'idol' and miss the real, living, breathing person, who is alive today; what have I done with the real Jesus?

Tell 'm I'm coming! You choose how!

Jesus is 'The King of kings and the Lord of lords'. He rules supreme; like it or not. His kingdom comes, his will, will be done. You can choose to ignore him, but he's coming as 'King of kings and Lord of lords'.

If I ignore Jesus, living in practice like an agnostic; that's accepting there is a god but he doesn't have any personal impact on how I live my life. If I'm living; acknowledging God, but having nothing to do with him personally, not letting him shape my sexuality, my economic propensities, my personal relationships, then what have I chosen. I've chosen to tell Jesus that he is irrelevant for my life. Where does that leave me and Jesus?

Tell 'm I'm coming! You choose how!

You know how I want Jesus to come?

I'm hoping for Jesus to come daily into my life as we walk together in a relationship of intimacy, a dynamic, close personal fellowship, where I trust

Jesus enough to do what he says. I want to be living faithful to Jesus; hearing him and then stepping out doing what he's doing.

and goodwill to all – I'm not sure if I'm allowed to say men – to all persons. We seem to have a doctrinal division here.

we hear the Father speak for himself, and this is what Father says to us about Jesus; "This is my Son, listen to Him!"

You could call that obedience; so long as you don't see it as a forced thing, because then it wouldn't be an act of love, would it. I want to be living in a conversational relationship of love and affection with Jesus. I want to be living faithful to him; hearing his call in my life, feeling his prompting, knowing his presence, risking stepping out doing what I see him doing, saying what I hear him saying, just like he does with Father.

They don't only exist in church circles!

I hear a lot of wishful thinking. Am I just a wishful thinker, hoping for Jesus to come to

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**Tell 'm I'm coming.**

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me seeking to be walking in a relationship of intimacy, a dynamic, close personal fellowship lived in openness and trust? Am I just a wishful thinker hoping Jesus will come, speaking, to me, today?

Is my choice just wishful thinking?

After all, who wouldn't want God to love them? Who wouldn't want to be living in a world of peace, love, joy and happiness? I hear people using those phrases at this time of year. I hear phrases like; peace on earth

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God the Father said this to us about his Son, Jesus. If you recall the story of Jesus being on what is referred to as the Mount of Transfiguration. There

Listen to him. Did you get that, listen to Jesus, listen to him. This isn't wishful thinking, but a very real hope you're being invited to live. Listen to him. They're not empty words, that's a promise. A promise you can choose to ignore, or choose to live.

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Tell 'm, I'm coming!

You choose how!

Now I could let this be just a lot of nice sounding words. And that's all it would be if I didn't actually live it out. They are nice sounding words; being in a relationship of love and affection with God. It sounds nice, doesn't it. Being in a conversational relationship with God, so I can talk with him about my real life, everyday issues. Wouldn't that be great; not guess work, not wishful thinking, but

actually listening to Jesus response to my thoughts, my questions; where my lost keys are. Nothing is off limits with Jesus.

Doesn't that sound nice! But if that's all I end up with; nice words, I've wasted the reality. Jesus doesn't give nice words, he actually says; I AM The WORD! Jesus is always inviting us into relationship with himself.

That makes me think of a story

Jesus told, about ten girls waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Five took extra oil for their lamps and five didn't. Guess what happened; the bridegroom was late, and the oil in their lamp ran out. When he arrived the five with extra oil were prepared, the other five went off to buy oil and missed the bridegroom. Only to come back to find the door locked, and to hear these words; 'I don't know you. Go away.'

Tell 'm, I'm coming! You choose how!

Will it be someone you know, personally, intimately, in a dynamic relationship of love and affection? Or will it be just someone you've heard lots of words about? We've all heard lots and lots and lots of words.

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**You choose how!**

I think Jesus is sick and tired of lots and lots and lots of words. What about you?

Tell 'm, I'm coming! You choose how!

Christmas reminds me that Jesus has acted, is acting on this relationship that he desires with each of us. He isn't a nice baby in some story. He's right now the 'King of kings and Lord of lords' who comes to live this conversational relationship of love and affection with you

today. He was born so that you could know him for who he is and build a real, intimate, dynamic, close personal fellowship lived in openness and trust, characterised by faithfulness.

Jesus is sick of words, he wants the reality.

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Tell 'm, I'm coming! You choose how!

Jesus has sent the Spirit, he is here with us. This isn't for the special few, this is what Jesus was born for, died for, lives for. The wonderful reality of you knowing him and realising he knows you in a wonderful intimate way.

And there is only one person on earth who can make this a reality for you. Do you know who that is? Do you know the only person on earth who can make this a living reality for you? Jesus is doing his part, so I can't point the finger at him. It's not me, I can't make this relationship dynamic, exciting, meaningful for