

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- December 13, 2018

“Don't Miss The Merry”

Newspaper columnist Joseph Szday wrote of serving with the 102nd Infantry Division during World War II. Christmas 1944 found him in combat in Germany. He gave gifts to his men from his personal possessions wrapped with paper from packages from home. “It was a Christmas I'll long remember,” he said. “All we prayed for was to see another Christmas.”

His next Christmas was spent at sea in a terrible storm. “We prayed we will live thru it,” he wrote. Arriving hours in January 1946, he celebrated a late Christmas with the family he hadn't seen in 2 years. “This was the happiest Christmas I can remember,” he said. “I haven't missed Christmas with my family since then and I thank God for all the Christmases since coming home from the war.”

Our hearts ache for those who miss Christmas because of distance or serving overseas; but it's far worse to miss Christmas because of disinterest. Make this the merriest Christmas you can remember. Be thankful for every little thing about the holiday this year, and praise God each day for the season – after all, the Babe of Bethlehem is the Reason for the Season!

Have a blessed week. See you in church Sunday.

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