

Christmas Windows

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**Sometimes when we look out
the window, even at Christmas,
all we see is darkness...**

GRIEF

**loss & loneliness
sadness & silence
trauma & transition**

A black and white photograph of a cozy living room. In the center is a fireplace with a fire burning. To the left is a rocking chair and a small table with books. To the right is a Christmas tree decorated with lights and ornaments, with presents underneath. Snow is falling outside the window, and the word "Holidays" is written in cursive in the top left corner.

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the window, even at Christmas,
all we see is darkness...**

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



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the window, even at Christmas,
all we see is darkness...**

***The people who walk in darkness
will see a great light. For those who live in
a land of darkness, a light will shine.***

- Isaiah 9:2



Prophetic Silence Foreign Oppression Unfulfilled Promises

***“How Long, O Lord?”* | Psalm 13:1**



**Jesus was born
into the midst of sorrow,
not the end of it...**

***...and they will call him Immanuel,
which means “God is with us.”***

- Matthew 1:23b



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- 1 Corinthians 13:13

**FAITH does not eliminate
grief; it gives grief
a place to rest.**



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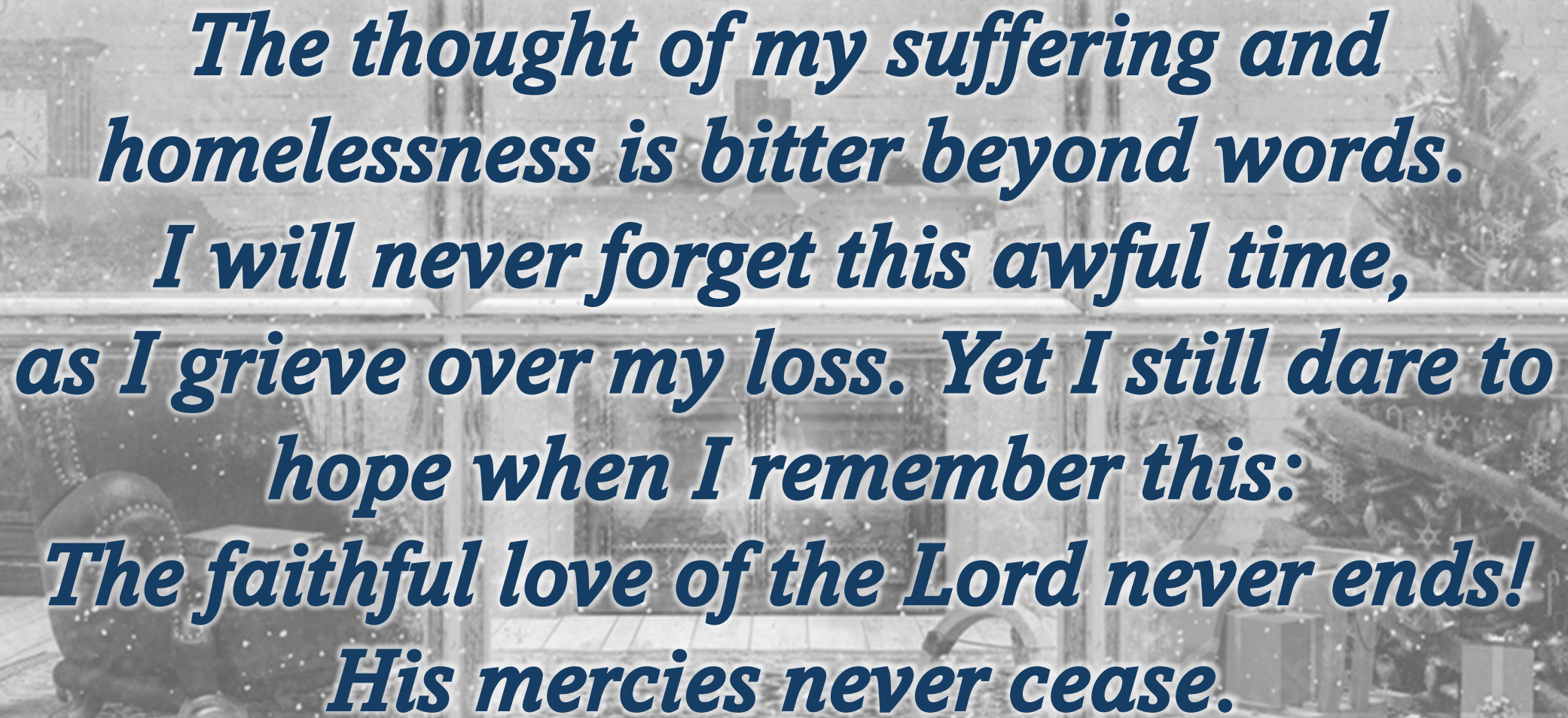
**HOPE enters quietly,
vulnerably,
and almost invisibly.**



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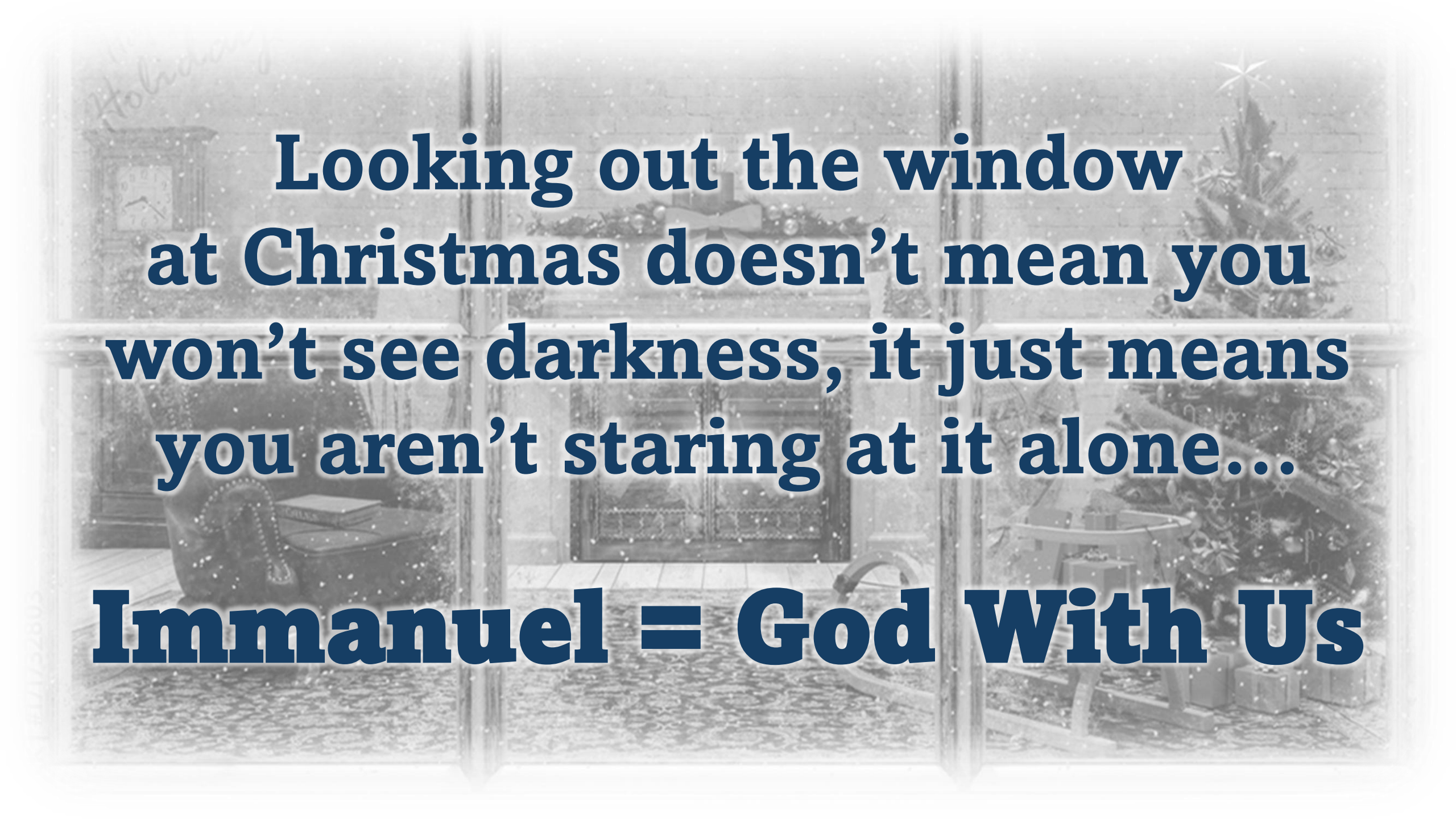
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**LOVE came down
at Christmas; not to deny
sorrow, but to meet it.**



***The thought of my suffering and
homelessness is bitter beyond words.
I will never forget this awful time,
as I grieve over my loss. Yet I still dare to
hope when I remember this:
The faithful love of the Lord never ends!
His mercies never cease.***

- Lamentations 3:19-22



**Looking out the window
at Christmas doesn't mean you
won't see darkness, it just means
you aren't staring at it alone...**

Immanuel = God With Us

