



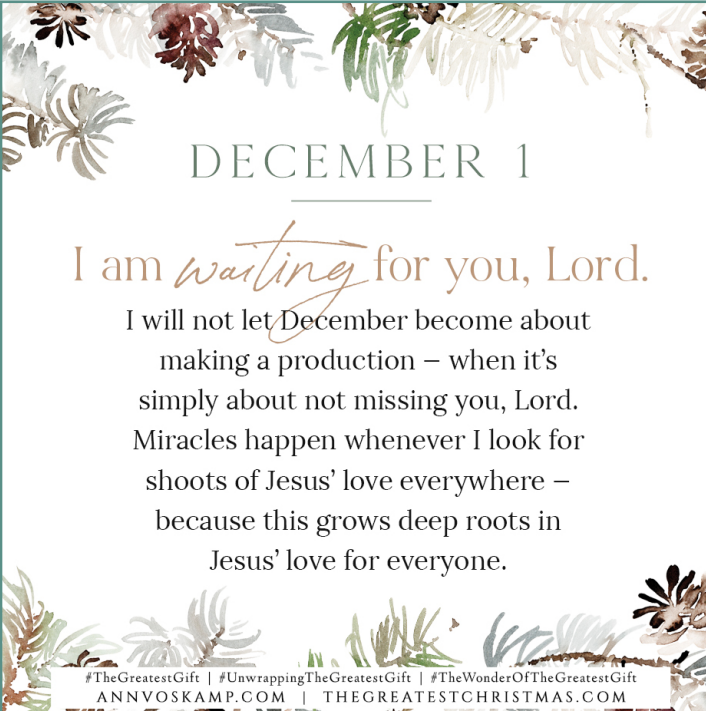
Stress-Free Holiday STICKY NOTES for YOUR SOUL



FOR A SANE & SACRED CHRISTMAS

Print this set of 25 Note Cards, one for each day in December.
For mirrors and sinks and dashboards, for pockets and walls and office cubicles.
For this Christmas.

Each card is an affirmation, a prayer, for each day this month.
They are quotes from *The Greatest Gift* and *Unwrapping the Greatest Gift*,
rewritten to be words that you can pray every day,
to keep the focus...to celebrate Christ!

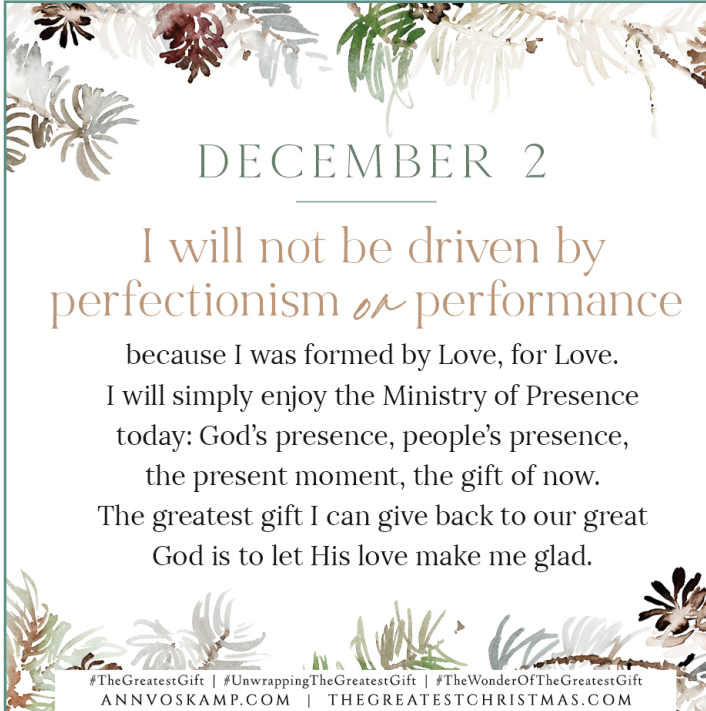


DECEMBER 1

I am waiting for you, Lord.

I will not let December become about making a production – when it’s simply about not missing you, Lord. Miracles happen whenever I look for shoots of Jesus’ love everywhere – because this grows deep roots in Jesus’ love for everyone.

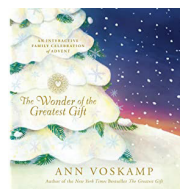
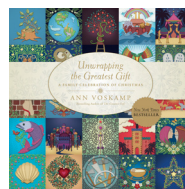
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DECEMBER 2

I will not be driven by perfectionism *or* performance because I was formed by Love, for Love. I will simply enjoy the Ministry of Presence today: God’s presence, people’s presence, the present moment, the gift of now. The greatest gift I can give back to our great God is to let His love make me glad.

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DECEMBER 3

I will *rest* today

in the gift of His love for me.
God's love never stops looking for me,
trying to find me, and gently drawing
me back close to Him. No matter what
the day holds, no matter how the
season of my life unfolds,
God holds and enfolds me.

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DECEMBER 4

I will let every flood of
stress be an *invitation*

to get into the ark of my Saviour.

I will let every flood of trouble
remake the topography of my soul
into someone better – not bitter.

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DECEMBER 5

I will not let myself be
overwhelmed with the season,

but be overwhelmed with the goodness of God
so I can overflow with the goodness of God to
others. I will be experienced as a blessing by
others—to the extent I have counted blessings
and first experienced myself as blessed.

*The greatest gift God graces a soul with is
His own presence.*

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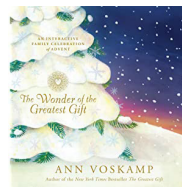
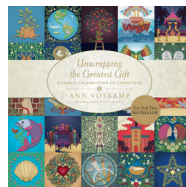
I will *smile* today,

I will laugh, I will enjoy Him and now
and amazing grace because God brings
the weary women laughter!

Laughter is His gift to me – oxygenated grace!

No matter what happens today,
Jesus is the last word, and we rejoice and
rejoice again and re-joy again because
grace is our oxygen now.

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When I feel worry today, this season,

I will simply exhale.

Worry is belief gone wrong. Because you don't believe that God will get it right. And Peace is belief that exhales. Because you believe that God's provision is everywhere – like air.

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DECEMBER 8

*I will not climb
any ladders today*

or this Christmas to impress anyone.

There are no ladders to climb up, because Christ came down one to get me. God doesn't want to number my failures or count my accomplishments as much as He wants me to have an encounter with Him.

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DECEMBER 9

I will trust that no matter what intends to harm me today, God's arms have me.

Today, this Advent – God is never absent, never impotent, never distant.

I can never be undone.

If God can transfigure the greatest evil into the greatest Gift, then He intends to turn whatever I'm experiencing now into a gift.

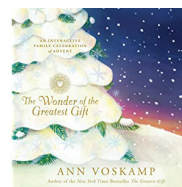
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DECEMBER 10

*I will simply, lavishly
love today.*

God gives the commandment to love to me – and God gives God to keep the commandments for me. Loving Jesus and loving everyone are the biggest, grandest, greatest gifts I can give back to God.

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I will believe in *God's grace* for impossible things.

Because no situation is more hopeless than my Savior is graceful. And no personal choice that muddled my life can ever trump the divine choice to wash my life clean. That is always the secret to unwrapping the biggest, greatest, grandest gift: believe that the love of Jesus is in the place where I don't expect it.

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I will trust that everything happening around me today, every day, is happening to make miracles.

Every little thing is going to be okay,

because God is working good through every little thing. There is never a night, never a darkness when gifts and miracles and joy aren't coming – coming right to me.

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DECEMBER 13

Today I will *walk* with Jesus

and pray for my eyes to do the most miraculous things: to turn everything inside out. Let me see today, Lord: People care about the wrapping paper on the outside, but God cares about the gifts inside – the heart, which can wrap like love around everyone.

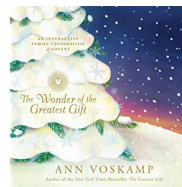
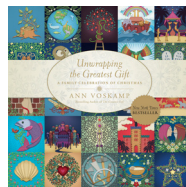
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DECEMBER 14

I will just keep *turning* to Jesus today,

the only real Light in the whole world, and His light can always turn on inside of me. I am saved from the dark lostness because God is love and He can't stand to leave me by myself in the dark. It doesn't matter how dark the dark is – Jesus comes to the darkest places so I can see His light the brightest.

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DECEMBER 15

I will not *bow down* to pressures this Advent.

I will only bow down before You, Lord.

It's the wavering between gods that has me sinking. It's the wavering between the gods of things and the God of everything – that's what has me flailing and drowning soundless in it all. Jesus, the gift, comes to give me freely through His passion what every other god forces me to get through performance.

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I will give God the gift of *repentance* today.

Repentance, turning around, is the only way for me to be ushered into grace. I am not equipped for my life until I realize I'm not equipped for life. I'm not equipped for life until I'm in need of grace. I always get the greatest gift when I turn around and go His way, right toward the smiling ways of God.

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DECEMBER 17

I will not let *worry* overrule today or this Christmas.

When the King rules my world, I cease to rule or to worry. All worry dethrones God. All worrying makes me king and God incompetent. I am going to trust that in the little places, through unexpected people, His perfect story is unfolding and unwrapping all around me & in me, the light overtaking the dark.

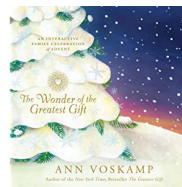
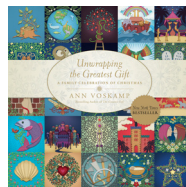
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I will place all *my worth* this Christmas in Christ.

When I unwrap my worth in the Gift of Christ, I release my grip on all the other gifts. I am loved and carried and secure, and what else do I need when I have Him? When I unwrap the unbeatable, unfailing, unstoppable love of Jesus, I laugh happiest: I am free, free, free to happily give away my gifts so other people can live! This is the moment I was made for: to use my gifts to give others the gift of life!

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I will *focus* on Jesus today,
just Jesus.

The secret of joy is always a matter of focus: a resolute focusing on the Father, not on the fears. And when I feel like I can't touch bottom is when I touch the depths of God. If He gave His Son to save me, will He not give me everything I need? I will behold Him everywhere today – and be held.

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DECEMBER 20

I don't have to *work* for the
coming of the Lord.

I don't have to work for Christmas. The miracle is always that God is gracious. I always get my Christmas miracle. I get God with me. That's really all I have to get ready for Christmas – my heart. So I will just come to Him just as I am. God gives Himself as the greatest Gift this Christmas, and He doesn't keep any truly good thing from me. Because the greatest things aren't things! Jesus is all good, and He is all mine, and this is always my miracle – my greatest Gift!

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I am most prepared for Christmas when I am done trying to make my performance into the gift instead of revelling in His presence as the Gift. That is all there is left in these last days of the Advent road – the sacredness of His presence saturating everything. And Jesus makes us all happy the happiness of kids all tickled giddy! Because Jesus loves us 100% before we even do 1%. Prepare the way, not for more things, but for the greatest thing:

Jesus is *coming!*

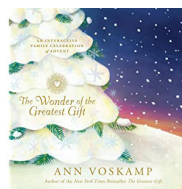
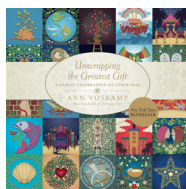
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DECEMBER 22


I will simply become
a place for God today.

There is no need to produce or perform or perfect – simply become a place for God. Christmas is conceived in my world when I simply receive it – however Christ and His will comes to me. The miscarriage of Christmas begins when anxieties crowd out the space within simply to carry Christ.

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I will *hush* the hurry,
the worry, today.

We can always have as much of God as we want. God throws open the door of this world – and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because He wants unimaginable intimacy with me. God. With. Me. God can't stay away. He disarms Himself of heaven so that I can take Him in arms on earth. Christmas is about God's doing whatever it takes to be with me – and my doing whatever it takes to be with Him.



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DECEMBER 24

I will feel the weightlessness of
the *miracle of Christmas* today.

Grace is weightless.
God comes as a Babe because Grace is weightless. Rejected at the inn, holy God comes in small to where I feel rejected and small. God is with me now. All of conquered heaven and grateful earth echo and throb today with the heart cry of the God-child:
I did it because I love you!




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DECEMBER 25

I can have this as
the best Christmas ever

as much as I gaze into my Father's face and receive His gift. Everywhere, everywhere – there are gifts everywhere from Jesus. Gifts are our air. That's what Jesus is whispering to me this Christmas Day:
"I'll take your broken heart and give you My whole one. I'll take your burden-broken back and give you my weightlessness." Christ came into the world for me – and I came into the world for Him. A heart that really loves Jesus could catch the world on fire with love and more love and even more love.
Christmas can go on forever now...



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