

# GOD'S PEACE

Advent Series Week 2-Peace

Luke 1:26-38














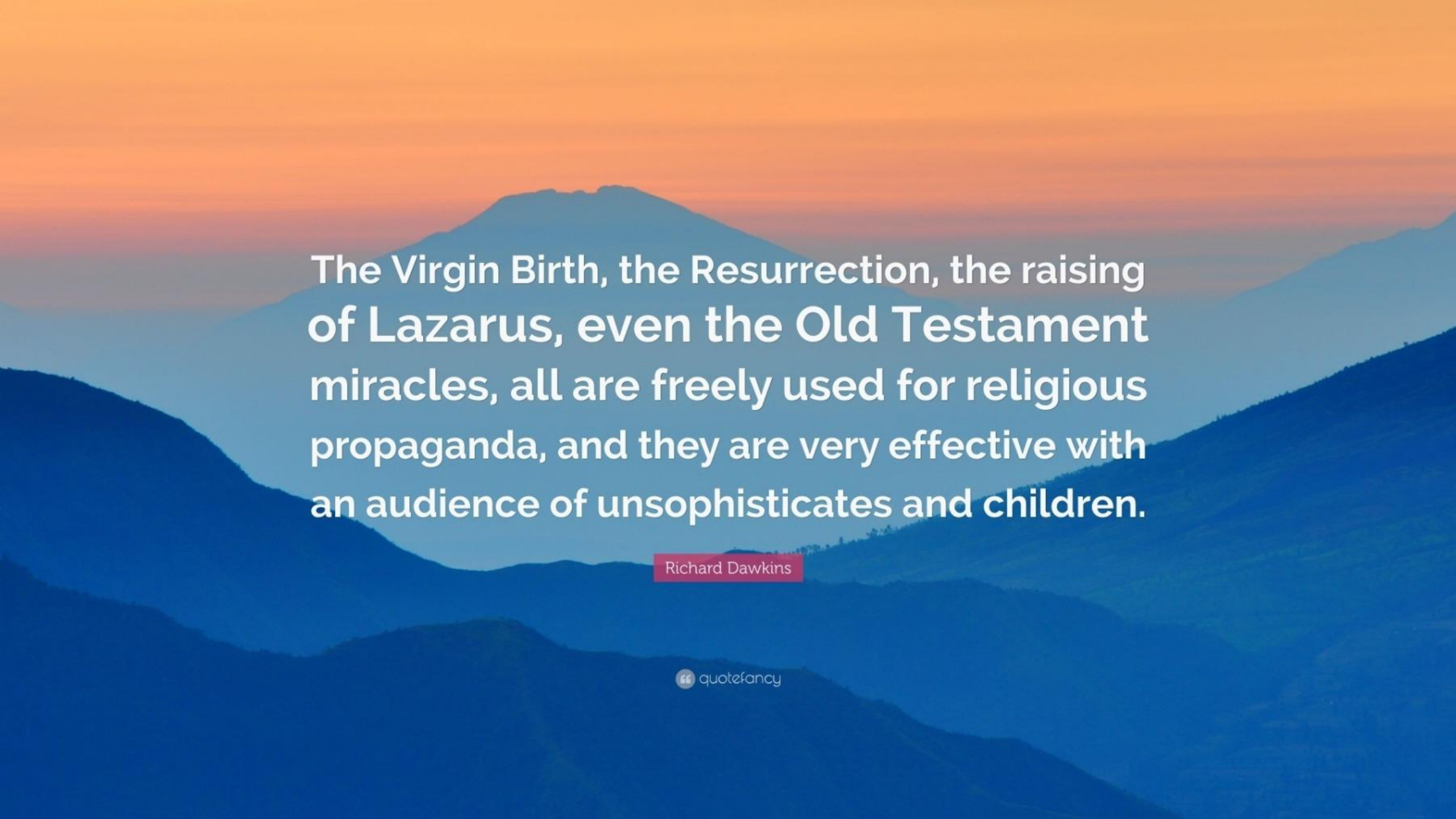


# A QUESTIONABLE STORY



I think it was David Hume who put it slightly vulgarly, this was again about the virgin birth I think. Which is more likely ... that the whole natural order is suspended or that a Jewish minx should tell a lie?  
~ Author: Christopher Hitchens





The Virgin Birth, the Resurrection, the raising of Lazarus, even the Old Testament miracles, all are freely used for religious propaganda, and they are very effective with an audience of unsophisticates and children.

Richard Dawkins



**WHAT'S THE POINT?**



**THE GREATNESS OF THE NEW  
TESTAMENT FIGURE OF MARY  
CONSISTS IN THE FACT THAT ALL  
THE INTEREST IS DIRECTED AWAY  
FROM HERSELF TO THE LORD**



**IT IS HER “LOW ESTATE” AND THE GLORY OF  
GOD WHICH ENCOUNTERS HER, NOT HER OWN  
PERSON, WHICH CAN PROPERLY BE MADE THE  
OBJECT OF A SPECIAL CONSIDERATION,  
DOCTRINE AND VENERATION.**

**KARL BARTH**





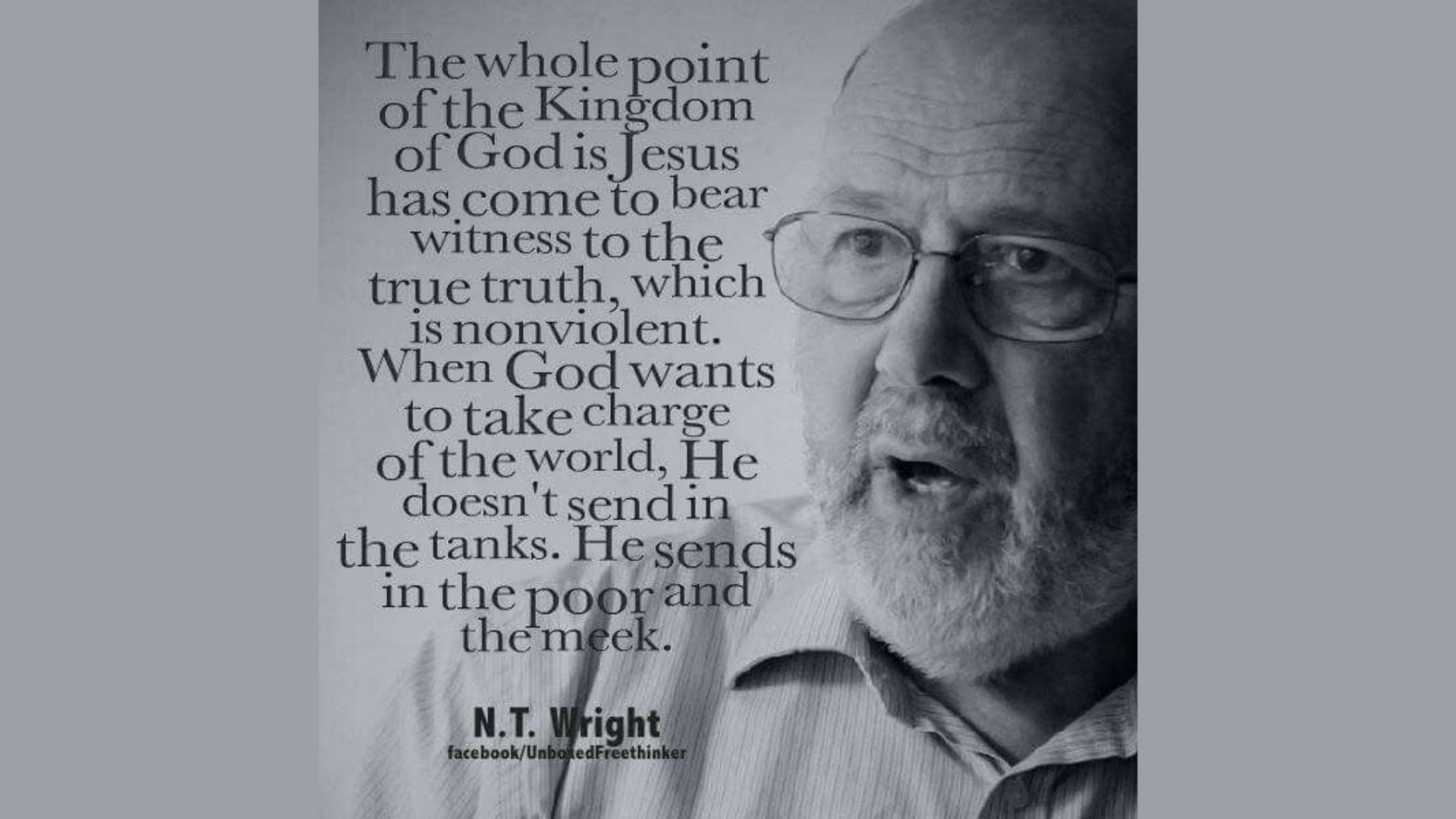
The virgin birth has never been a major stumbling block in my struggle with Christianity; it's far less mind boggling than the Power of all Creation stooping so low as to become one of us.

— *Madeleine L'Engle* —

AZ QUOTES



# THE CHARACTER OF GOD



The whole point  
of the Kingdom  
of God is Jesus  
has come to bear  
witness to the  
true truth, which  
is nonviolent.  
When God wants  
to take charge  
of the world, He  
doesn't send in  
the tanks. He sends  
in the poor and  
the meek.

**N.T. Wright**  
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**WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?**

For outlandish creatures like us, on our  
way to a heart, a brain, and courage,  
Bethlehem is not the end of our  
journey but only the beginning – not  
home but the place through which  
we must pass if ever we are to reach  
home at last.

–Frederick Buechner



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