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Rolling Acres Alliance: Real People. Real Faith. Real Love.

Dear Friends,

God has long been thinking "outside the box." In fact, He was thinking outside the box before that became a buzz phrase for us. When others would have given up on us, He remained right beside us. When others would have forgotten us, we remain on His heart. He rightfully could have thrown in the towel, washed His hands of us, and been done with the whole thing. Yet, our outside the box God decided instead to send His Son to ransom captive Israel (and the Gentiles who would believe in Him as well.) God wanted us to understand His love for us so well that He sent His very Son. When He created the earth, God said, "Let there be light." (Gen. 1:3) Suddenly, the earth was awash with illuminating light so that God's creatures (whom He created a couple days later) would be able to see. When God sent Jesus to be born of Mary, He was once again saying, "Let there be Light." This time, the Light was to show the way to God. Indeed, the Light was *the Way* to God. The story of Jesus' life could be called "Salvation: Outside the box" for everything from Jesus' birth to His death and resurrection was outside of what anyone would have expected of Him. His humble birth was strikingly simple. The world has not been the same since that young woman, a girl really, gave birth to her first born son (Luke 2) and wrapped Him in cloths. A simple beginning with a profound ending: salvation to all who would believe. Thank God He thinks outside the box. And by the way, let's stop putting Him in a box. He's too big to fit in it anyway.

Celebrating the Savior,

(and grateful for His Love),
Pastor Andy