

CHRISTMAS {is}

CHANGING THE WORLD

We all know the Christmas story is about hope, love, redemption and promise. So, what happened? How did it turn into a time to buy stuff, sit in traffic, pay bills, go to church and pray for lenient return policies? What if we could watch Christmas transform the world before our eyes? Welcome to the Advent Conspiracy.

The concept is simple:

[WORSHIP FULLY] It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. Advent is a time to put down our burdens and lift up a song up to our God. It's a time for prayers from around the world to mingle in the air. Service, love and care become worship and the joy of others becomes our joy.

[SPEND LESS] This isn't about suffering and sacrifice. Our kids love gifts. That's ok. But how often do we buy presents for no other reason than obligation? What if Christians didn't do that? Spending less is about being free to have more fun, presence, closeness, life. For ideas, check out: www.rethinkingchristmas.com.

[GIVE MORE] For Christmas God gave us his son. Jesus gave himself. Give someone your time for Christmas. Go sledding. Make something. Bake, sing, walk, talk, play, laugh, write a letter. When the people we serve get clean water it provides time—time they used to spend hauling water is now spent with family. Give time. Give yourself.

[LOVE ALL] Love is boundless. It can't be hoarded and it gets bigger when given away. It is for our families, but not limited to them. What if we stopped underestimating the power of love? Could we take on something huge—like the world water crisis?



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