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Dear Friends,

In spite of all the warnings, all the regulations, and even the fond remembrances of past Christmas celebrations, I pray this Christmas had a new and precious meaning for you and your family. Janna and I had the privilege of joining Jonathan and his wonderful family on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. As I took everything in, I kept thinking how grateful Walt would be if he could see how all of his grandchildren have grown into God-honoring adults.

A brief but profound note on a Christmas card envelope caught my attention; I want to share it with you: "The Bible is the only book whose author is present every time you read it!" The wonderful advantage I have in being eighty-six years old is protracted time in the Word of God. That quote revealed a new depth to me. I never dreamed I would live this long, and I don't want to miss what God is preparing for me. A quote from a letter Walt wrote in January, 2003 sums up the challenge:

God calls upon His people to "labor not for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life" (John 6:27). None of us have had any experience with eternity; for us it is a philosophical concept void of content. We have never seen it and have no idea what it looks like. In this we are no different from Adam and Eve, and like them we are expected to believe and obey. As we begin a new year, let's resolve to be His obedient servants, laboring for the eternal rather than the temporal.

Janna and I are deeply grateful for the part you share with us in the ministry God has called us to by your interest, prayer and provision. Thank you seems so inadequate.

Eager for the Eternal,

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