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Dear Friends,

Janna and I want to thank you for the overwhelming outpouring of pictures, cards, letters and gifts you showered on us at the end of 2021. We are humbled, blessed and deeply grateful for your ministry in our lives.

I would like to share an event in my life, my strongest childhood memory. I have held it close to my heart these eighty-some years but recently feel led to share it as an encouragement to others.

As a child, I was always fascinated with the sky and clouds. Late summer, when I was four years old, I saw something in the sky and went running and crying to my mother, "He's Coming, He's coming and I'm not ready!" I had no idea what I saw or was talking about, and my mother didn't either. Both my father and mother came from non-religious families, and neither parent went searching for faith.

Then, at eleven years of age, I along with my mother and father were introduced to and accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. But it wasn't until I was in a junior-high Sunday school class that I heard Jesus was coming again in the clouds and we would be caught up to meet him. I knew the Lord had gotten my attention at four; I was determined to learn all I could in preparation for His coming.

The reason I wanted to share this with you is that we are living in a changing world of new disease, climate extremes, incredible persecution of Christians in many places, new threats to our freedom in Christ, etc. Granted, believers have always been under attack, but what if these are signs of the ending of the Gentile period (Romans 11:25)? I have lived with a longing to see the Lord's return, but I am also eager for the Lord to call me Home (but not a minute before His timetable).

I noticed Walt increasingly referenced the Lord's return in his letters, especially from 2000 on. The one I liked best was dated January, 2011. "Each year I pray that this will be the year of His return. Until He comes for us, may His hand rest gently and firmly on you and yours." My favorite reminder is one Walt quoted from his mentor, Skip Gray, "I'll see you here, there or in the air!"

Lord Jesus, come quickly,

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*For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout,
with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God,
and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together
with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air,
and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

(1 Thessalonians. 4:16, 17)