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**12/06/12 - Home For Christmas**

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Isaiah 41:1-10

This time of year millions "go home" or "come home" for Christmas.

For some, home is so far away?in miles and in the distance between aching hearts

Surely, some of the Jewish pilgrims whom Isaiah was urging homeward felt that way. They had been away for some six decades. They complained that Yahweh had abandoned them. They doubted that God had the power or desire to bring them home again.

But the prophet proclaimed that Yahweh was sending Cyrus the Persian to conquer Babylon and set the Jews free. And it happened.

Yet, 500 miles of deserts and desperadoes lay between them and Jerusalem. Yahweh promised, "Do not fear, for I am with you; . . . for I am your God" (Isa. 41:10a).

And they did go home.

In terms of families, if possible, and in terms of our spiritual journey for sure, let's all go home for Christmas this year.

Let us, as it were, kneel at the manger-crib of Bethlehem and know that we are at home where forgiveness, healing, and comfort happen in the presence of our Lord.

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