



## "It Won't Always Be Like This"

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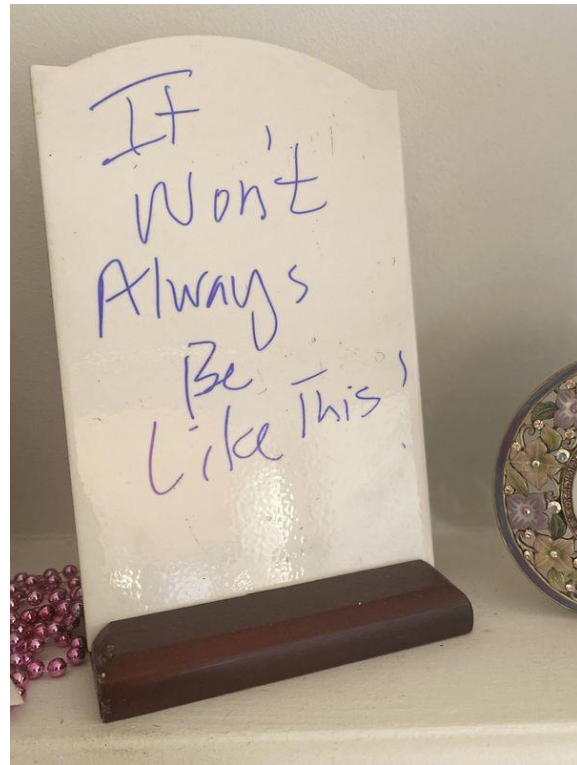
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When I think about the definition of Advent, quite simply Advent is looking forward to something in hopes of something else. This time last year, when we first left the farm and I felt I had to move back to Detroit; I had no other choice, that was certainly Advent season. It was cold, barely mid-winter and I was trying to settle back in to a place I had once called home. I had to refinance and get a better interest rate on my mortgage.

Nothing I tried seemed to work. It was so so difficult. I remember just seeing darkness. I got in my own way. I couldn't see the forest for the trees, but I remember Jackie playing this song for me to calm me down and cheer me up or maybe it was during noon prayer one day. I don't remember and can never remember the title when I want to play it or find it myself on YouTube. It's actually called "[Turning Around for Me](#)" but the line that stuck with me was the good news message that "*It won't always be like this.*"

It became my mantra. It was a seed planted in my heart. Even though everything and everyone was challenging, challenging for me every morning, every night I kept singing it. I even wrote it on the board so I would see it when I walked by.

And even though I couldn't see the hope, I just kept going through, going through every day, saying it, repeating it, letting it grow, letting it fester until it took a root. And I could see my whole attitude started to change.



So now we're at the end of this year, a lot of things are still going on, a lot of decisions outside of what we can do have been made. A lot of

things are going on in the world. There's wars and conflict everywhere. But I remember this one message that I preached once. It said: Look up and see Jesus, the hope of Jesus. And it wasn't a physical look, but it was a look inside to God.

To know that even with that song, it won't always be like this. And everything is working together for my good.

So, in this Advent season, what I really want people to know: find something, a grain of truth, to hold on to and keep repeating it over and over. Keep repeating something positive over and over again until it takes root. Meditate on it, pray on it, and find your hope.

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Advent Scripture Reference Lectionary  
[Psalm 21](#); [Isaiah 41:14-20](#); [Romans 15:14-21](#)

Advent Hymn Reflection  
“[Little Drummer Boy](#)”  
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