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Just thought I would throw in a short outline for those last minute devotionals you often are called upon to share:

THE GIFT OF PRESENCE

Text--There are so many you could use with this devotional (Hebrews 13:5)

We make lot about Christmas "presents" but I want to talk about "presence." Sometimes the greatest gift we can give someone is to simply be with them. Think of the presence of the people at Jesus birth and how that must have encouraged Joseph and Mary.

Think about the following:

1. ANYONE CAN GIVE IT

All of us have the capacity to simply show up, yet this is often the greatest thing we can do. Being there ministers to a lot of people in different circumstances.

2. EVERYONE NEEDS IT

-All of us need people in our lives that love us and encourage us.

3. THE LORD MODELS IT

-Father (Jehovah Shammah--The One Who is Present) One of the names that God uses to describe Himself is that He is present with us.

-Jesus said "I will never leave you or forsake you." Some of his last words were, "I will be with you."

-Holy Spirit lives and dwells in us.

Holidays can be extremely emotional for people that have suffered the loss of loved ones. Their loved ones cannot be there, you cannot replace them, but you CAN be there. Widows and orphans are especially on God's heart. The Lord promises that He will be there, why don't you and I join Him and share our presence with people.

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