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No where I'd rather be. That's what I told the room full of women I spoke to from this stage. I talked about keeping joy in my life, in OUR lives, during difficult season...during ANY season. I shared how, the Christmas season is chalk full of contradictions....

- How the world whirls so fast yet we are called to slow to savor the coming of our Savior.
- How the culture will coral us if we're not careful to prepare our hearts for the only life that ever saved us, Christ.
- How our lives biggest blessings so often come wrapped in boxes disguised as our biggest challenges.

Then I went home and wept. Wept for joy and out of humility because God blessed me so beautifully. I have a story to tell, one He's been writing in my heart all my life, carving me and molding me. And now, His Christmas story comes up alongside mine as I wait in anxious anticipation for the coming of Christ. And I realized again, I have hope. It started in a manger. So, yeah, just be right where you are. Because there's no where you'd rather be than where He is writing His story on the stage of your life.





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