

A script from



“Where is Home at Christmas?”

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- What** Jim reminds Bill that at Christmas, there is always hope. **Themes:** Family, Relationships, Restoration, Christmas, Holidays, Hope
- Who** Jim
Bill
- When** Christmas Eve
- Wear
(Props)** Desk with office supplies
Phone
- Why** Isaiah 9:2-7, Luke 1:78-79, Luke 17:3-5
- How** Keep the conversation natural and let it flow.
- Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

*The setting is an office area. **Bill** is seated at a desk doing work.*

Jim: *(Enters singing "Jingle Bells")* Hey, Bill. It's time to knock off. I thought this afternoon would never end. Come on, let's go.

Bill: *(Not looking up from work)* You go on. I have a few more things to finish up.

Jim: Bill, it's Christmas Eve. Those things can wait until later. We've got to beat Santa to the interstate!

Bill: *(Firmly)* I said I'm not through yet!

Jim: Okay, okay. Don't be so edgy. I was just trying to help you get into the Christmas spirit.

*Jim walks closer and sits on the edge of **Bill's** desk.*

Jim: I don't have to be in such a rush. All I have to do is go home and finish packing so that I'll be ready to get up and go visit my folks in the morning. I can't wait to eat some of my Mom's turkey and dressing...and some of her pecan pie...mmm, I can taste it now! And then I'll sit around with Dad and listen to him tell me some of his same old stories of when he was growing up. Then I'll go outside with my brothers, and we'll throw the football and pretend that we are still as macho as we were in college. Then we'll go back inside and eat some more! How about you? What are your plans for Christmas?

Bill: I don't have any plans. I might rent a few movies and just relax tomorrow.

Jim: You mean you're not going home for Christmas?

Bill: The apartment is my home!

Jim: No, I mean aren't you going to spend time with your family?

Bill: No.

Jim: But what will your folks say? Won't your Dad be upset?

Bill: My Dad doesn't care what I do anymore. He hasn't spoken to me in over eight months. Will my Dad be upset? *(Slight pause)* He won't even miss me.

Jim: Bill, I'm sorry. I didn't know there was trouble between you and your father.

Bill: There's no trouble. He just doesn't speak to me, and I don't speak to him. We leave each other alone, and we are fine.

Jim: Have you tried to work things out?

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ENDING:

Jim: There's the next sign of hope. You see, no matter how bad things seem, or how dark the future looks, there's always hope somewhere in the midst of things. You just have to look harder sometimes. Hope does not always come the way you expect it to. Come on. Call your Dad. *(Picks up phone on the desk and offers it to Bill.)*

Bill: What do I say?

Jim: Ask him if you can come home for Christmas. *(Starts to leave)* I've got to go. Have a great holiday! We'll swap family stories next year!

Bill: Hey Jim... *(Jim turns back)* Thanks.

Jim: Merry Christmas! *(Leaves)*

Bill: *(Finishes dialing)* Hello, Dad... it's Bill.

Lights out. The end.