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I Miss Fluffy Facebook

I never thought I'd miss reading a Facebook post about what someone ate for breakfast or that they're going to brush their teeth.

But with so much hate and despair spewing out on Facebook and on every place an opinion or thought can be spewed, I long for a mundane post that someone just scooped the poop for their pup.

I miss fluffy posts about kittens.

Society seems intent on ripping itself apart with venomous, hate-filled words and accusations slung far and wide.

Many are ready to declare all hope is gone.

Hate and despair are infecting America like a life-stealing cancer, spreading from coast to coast.

I refuse to give in to that mentality.

I choose to smile at the future.

And I can because of one thing – one person – Jesus Christ.

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When Jesus comes into a life, He changes the heart.

He molds and shapes us into people who want to love, not destroy, others. Even those we disagree with.

And once our hearts look more like Christ's, our hands and feet move toward healing society rather than ripping it apart.

No matter what political view you hold, Jesus is the answer to our need.

But we'll never know *how* He is the answer until we know *Him*.

We'll never really know *Him* until we know Him through His *Word*.

It's that simple. But it's not overnight. So let's get moving.

I pray this will be the Year of The Word – the Year of Jesus.

I hope this year millions turn to God's Word to find out just who this Jesus is.

Who is this One who says He's both God and man?

How can Jesus be the answer to every need – every crisis – every longing?

What hope can He truly offer America? The world?

In a time when people are screaming and calling others hate-filled, disparaging names, my prayer is that we'll stop long enough to take a deep breath and call out the name of Jesus instead.

That's when everything will change. That's where peace is found and every answer revealed.

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Jesus by Chris Tomlin

Chris Tomlin's song *Jesus* is the message we need to hear.

It's the song I wish was stuck in every heart and on every mind in America.

Listen to it here, and then sing it out as a prayer for us all.

If you're overwhelmed by today's news reports, don't give in to despair.

Smile at the future and call out to the One who holds it and

you – Jesus .