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Read: Jeremiah 3:14-15

Sometimes you just plain and simple ...change your mind! Either your mood changes, or someone or thing alters your mind and thoughts, but it happens....and sometimes it is for the good.

I am guilty of having an opinion about someone based off a first, small encounter. I made up my mind I was not going to like this person, and I didn't even know them!! But as I found myself in same circles, God changed my mind for me. I began to see they were a wonderful person, and we soon became the best of friends. I changed my mind!

That is what happened with Jeremiah, the guy of bad news, the dude who had to tell his people God's plan of being deported to a foreign land. Jeremiah changed his heart, his mind, and his message he had to deliver. His whole ministry was based on bad news, but he was able to finally do a turnabout, and tell his people the awesome news.... they were going home. His good news came because of God changing HIS heart, HIS mind, and HIS message.

As we celebrate Christmas eve and reflect on Jesus birth, and the real meaning of the holiday season, I pray that we each look deep into our hearts. Do we have something hidden in there that we need to review, and perhaps change? Is there something going on with someone or something, that just isn't right? Do you need to "change" your heart, your mind, maybe even your message? The life we are living often is a message to the world. Sometimes WE just need to change.

If God can do it, if Jeremiah can do it, we can do it too.

Lord, thank you for your son, and on this eve of his birth, we praise you both. Thank you for loving us so much you shared your son with us. We are all blessed beyond measure, and thank you for allowing us to "change our minds, our hearts, our lives" in order to better serve you. In Jesus name!! AMEN!