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"50 WAYS" TO PUT THE REASON BACK IN THE SEASON – AT CHRISTMAS AND ALL YEAR LONG

MITCHELLVILLE, Md — Anyone can benefit from putting Christ back in Christmas, regardless of their religion. It's all about putting priorities in order and remembering the essence of the season.

In "50 Ways to Put Christ Back in Christmas: And Keep the Spirit All Year," co-authors Vanessa and Deron Snyder demonstrate how the principles espoused by Jesus, including love and compassion for all mankind, can be practiced by everyone. Here in a compact, easy-to-read format, they present 50 simple, yet effective ways to keep the spirit alive, 365 days, all year long.

These are guidelines for practicing Christ's love not only during Christmas, but also on a daily basis.

The book orginated from a magazine article written by Vanessa, a public school teacher, in which she outlined 10 ways to put Christ back in Christmas. The subject hit home for her and Deron, an award-winning journalist. "She pulled me in to flesh it out and find 40 more ways," Deron says. "I thought it was a great idea to help people re-focus on the true meaning of the holiday."

Like a lot folks they know, Christmas seemed to have lost much of its meaning over the years, drowned in a flood of rampant commercialism and overt materialism. "It's really important to me that my family understand why Christmas is such a sacred time," Vanessa says.

Each of the 50 ways is accompanied by a Scripture, because Christ's love for mankind is the dominant theme for Christmas. The book makes the perfect gift for family and friends, a gift that puts the season in perspective and helps them stay focused year after year. It's also great for group discussions in various church ministries.

Copies are $9.95 each – personally autographed upon request – and can be ordered online at www.blackdoorventures.com (add $3.50 for shipping and handling, plus $1 for each book after the first one). Additionally, Vanessa and Deron welcome speaking engagements and book-signing opportunities. They're ready, willing and able to share the rewards of putting Christ back in Christmas.

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