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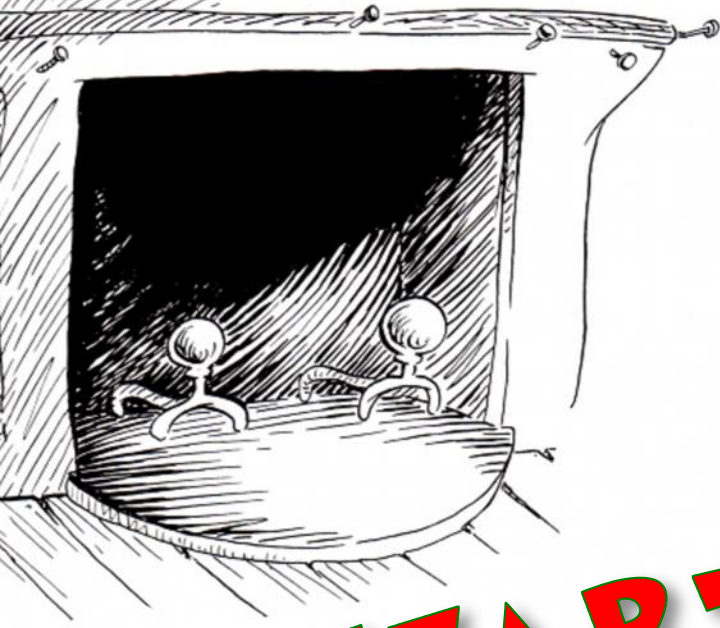
WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS?

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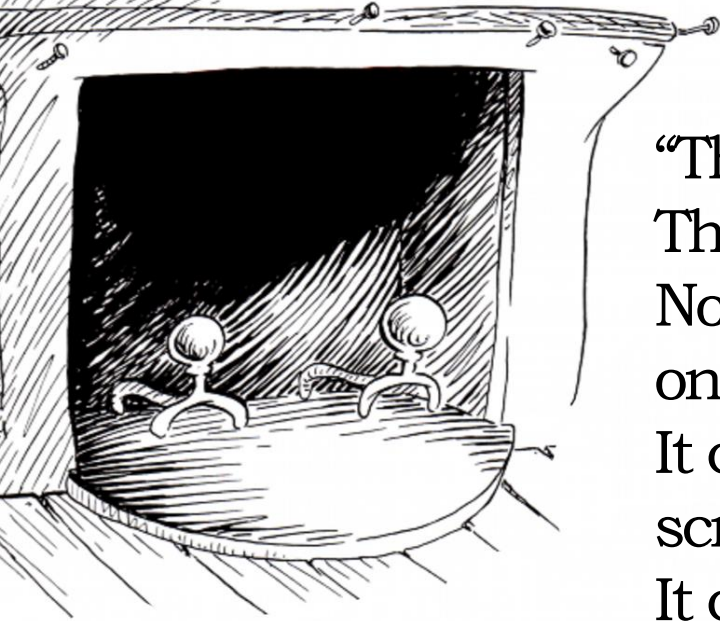
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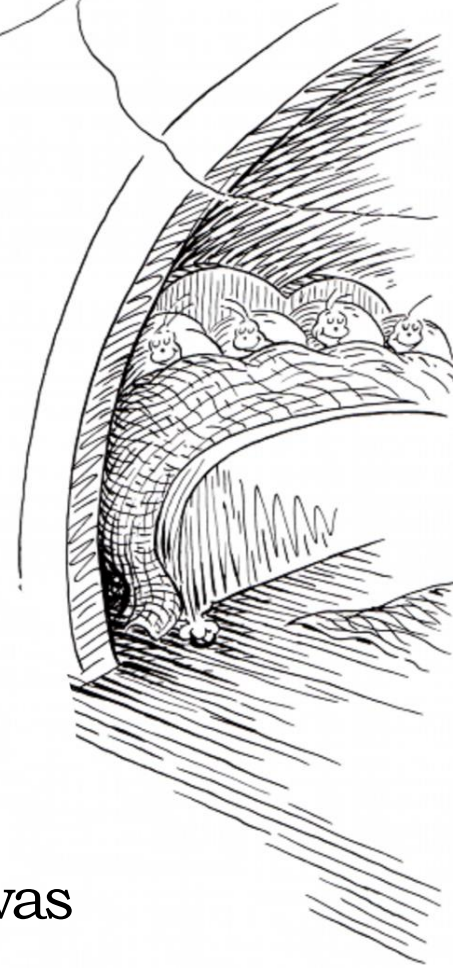
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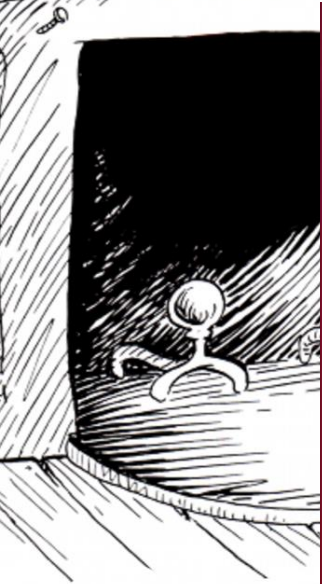


“The Grinch hated Christmas!
The whole Christmas season!
Now, please don't ask why. No
one quite knows the reason.
It could be his head wasn't
screwed on just right.
It could be, perhaps, that his
shoes were too tight.
But I think that the most likely
reason of all
May have been that his heart was
two sizes too small.”



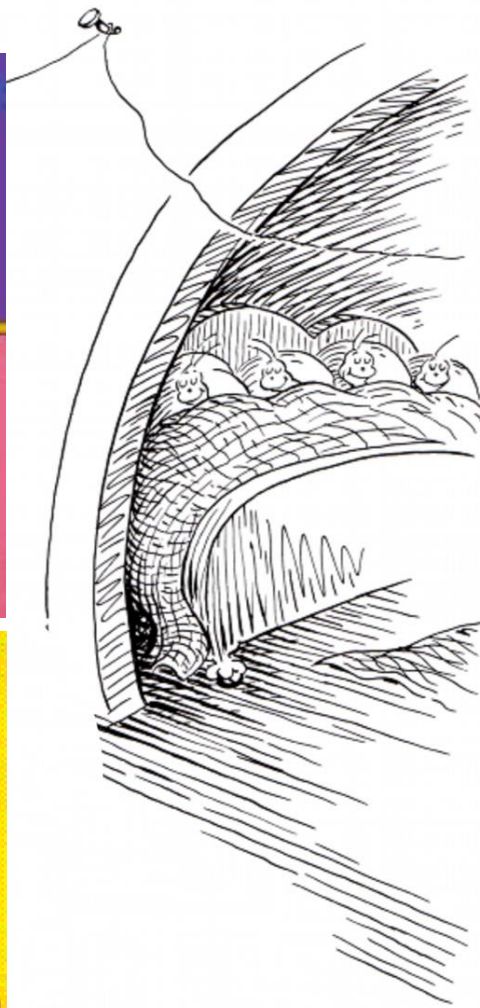
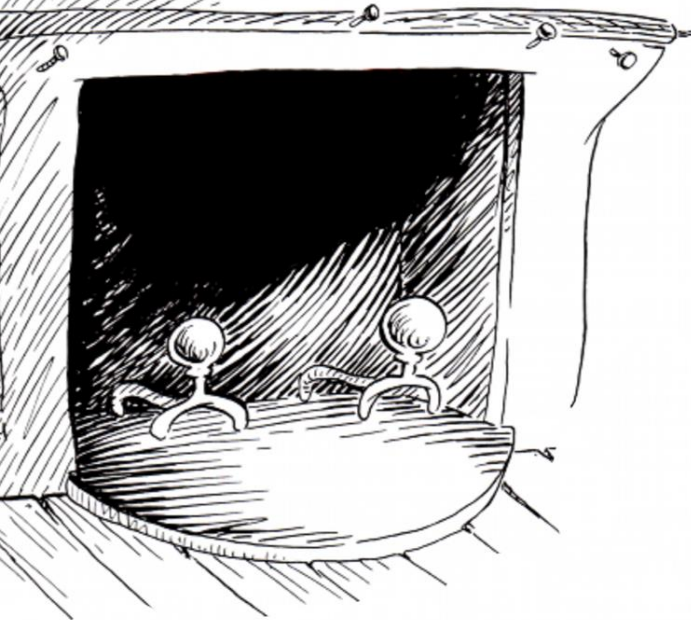
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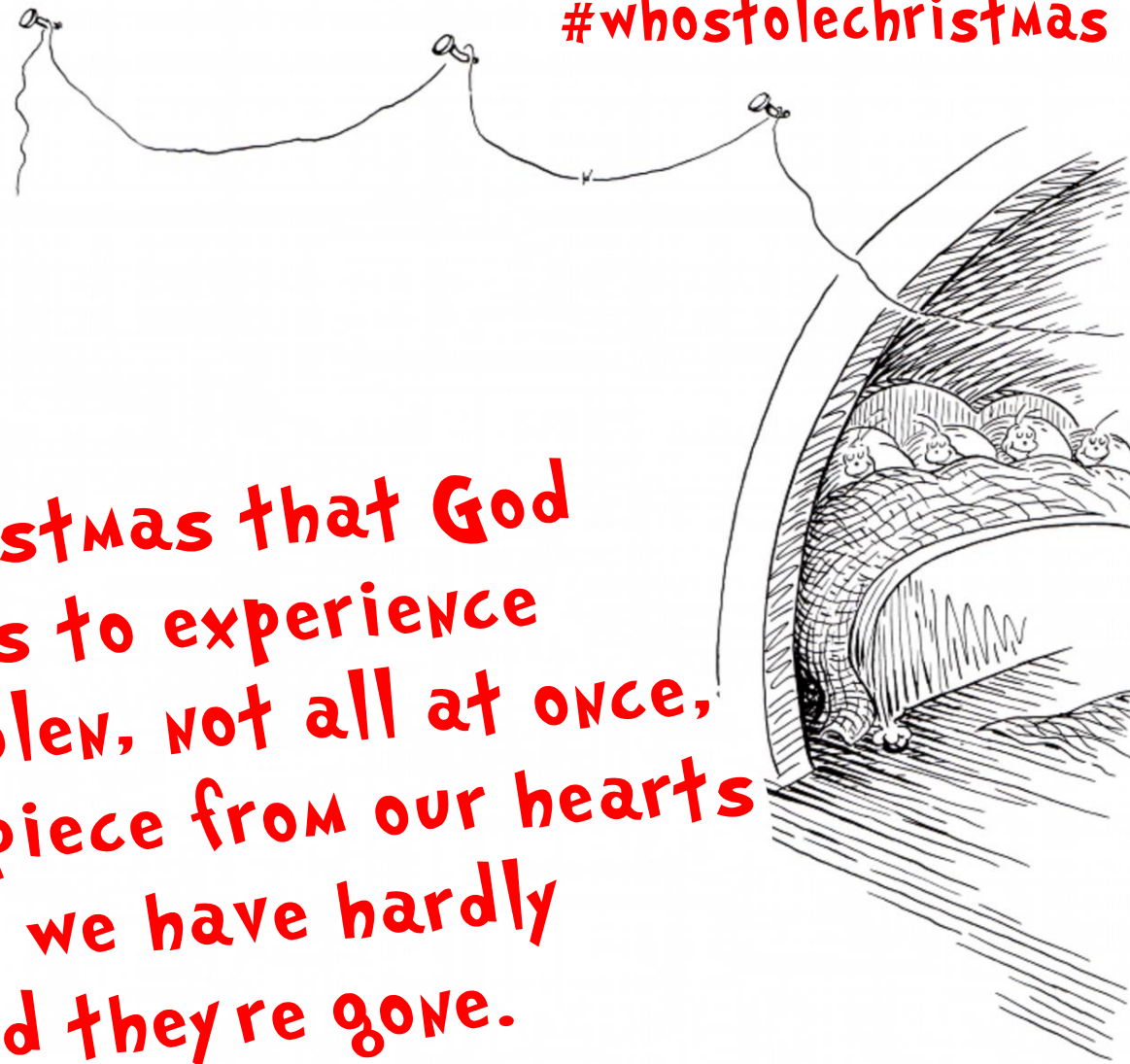
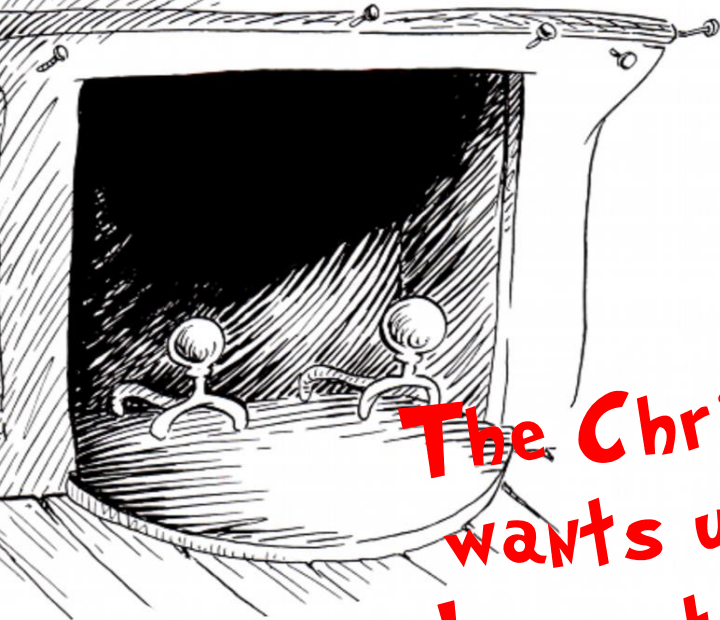
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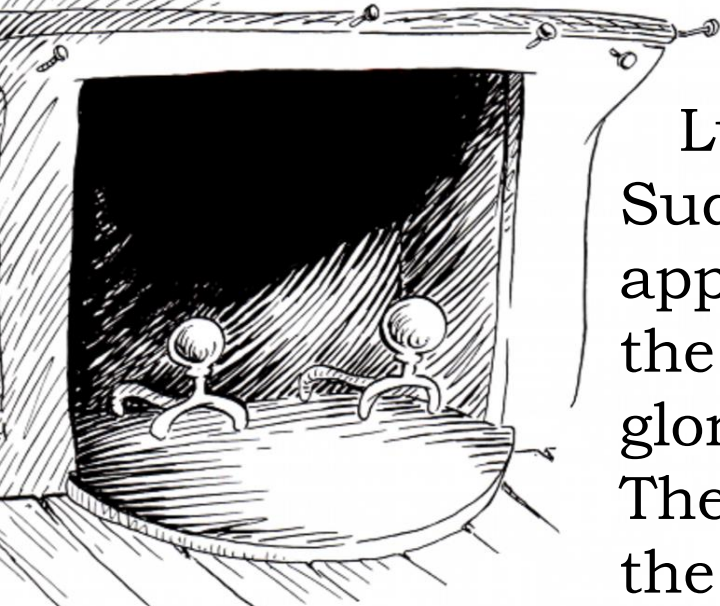
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**The Christmas that God
wants us to experience
has been stolen, not all at once,
but piece by piece from our hearts
so that we have hardly
noticed they're gone.**

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Luke 2:9-15

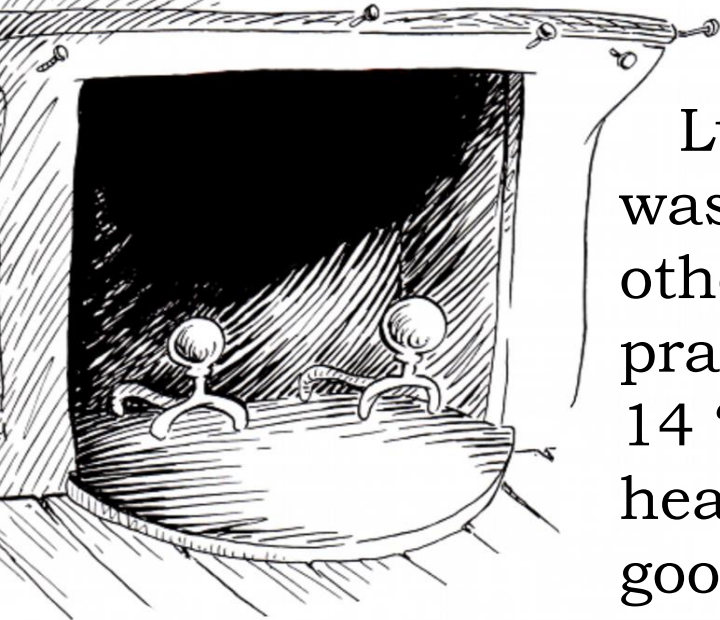
Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰but the angel reassured them.



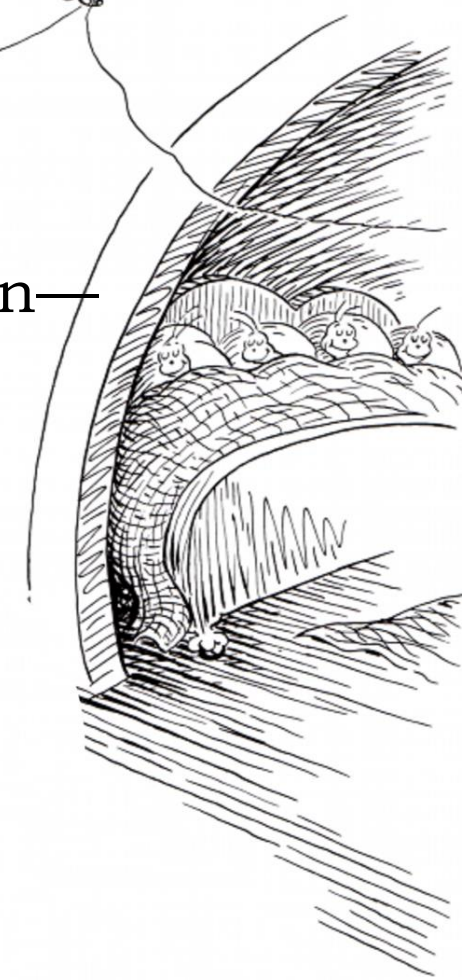
“Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹²And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.” ¹³Suddenly, the angel

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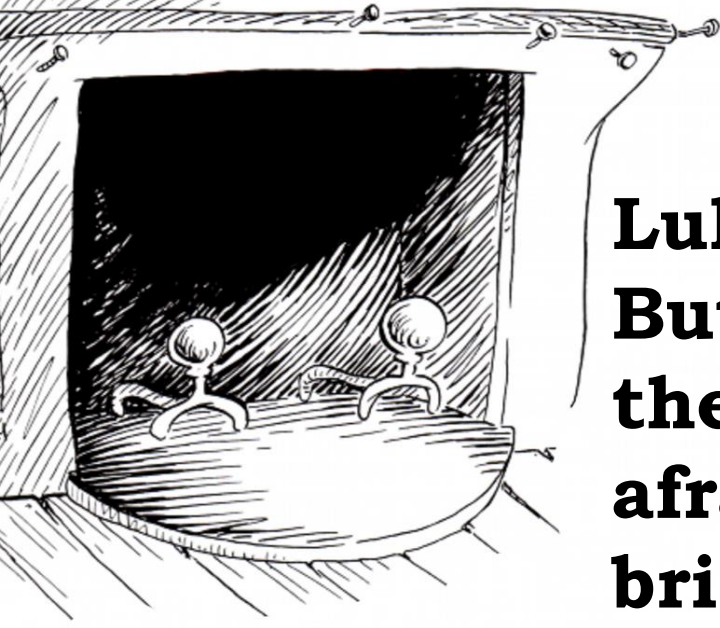


Luke 2:9-15
was joined by a vast host of
others—the armies of heaven—
praising God and saying,
14 “Glory to God in highest
heaven, peace on earth and
goodwill toward men.”

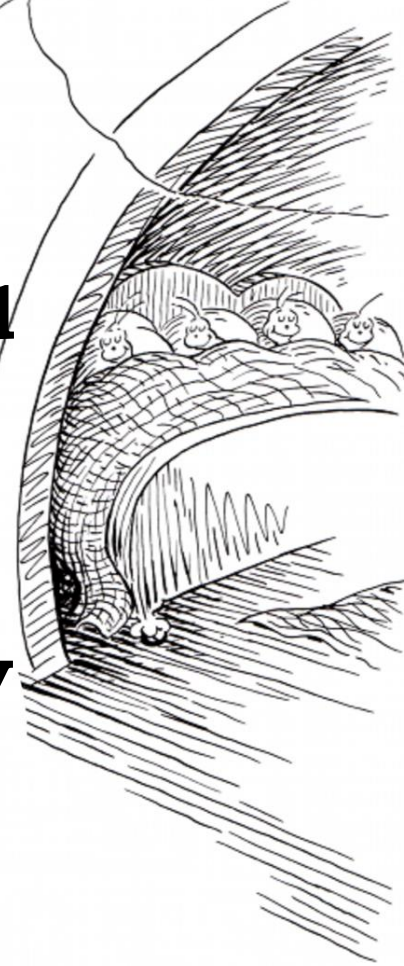


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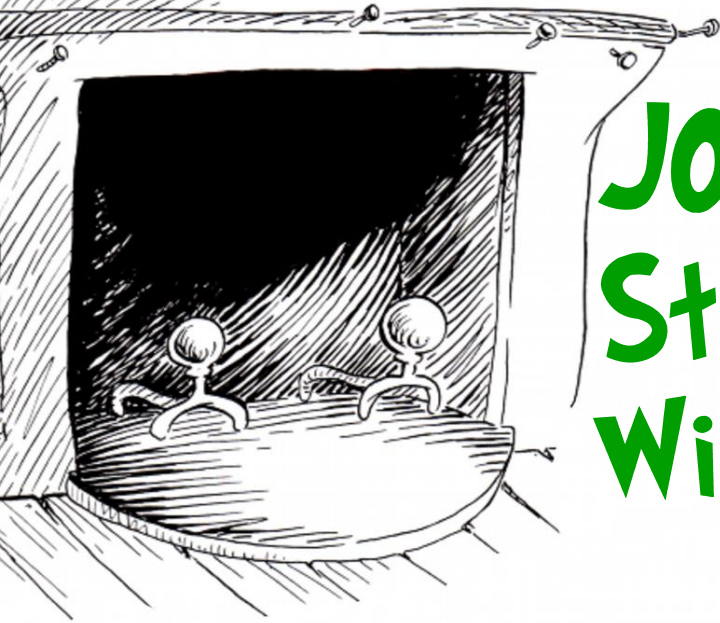


Luke 2:10
But the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people.



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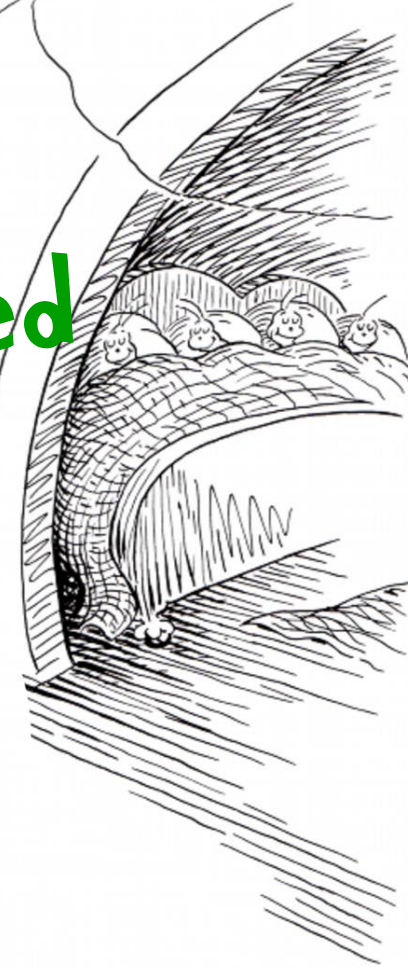
John 10:10 The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

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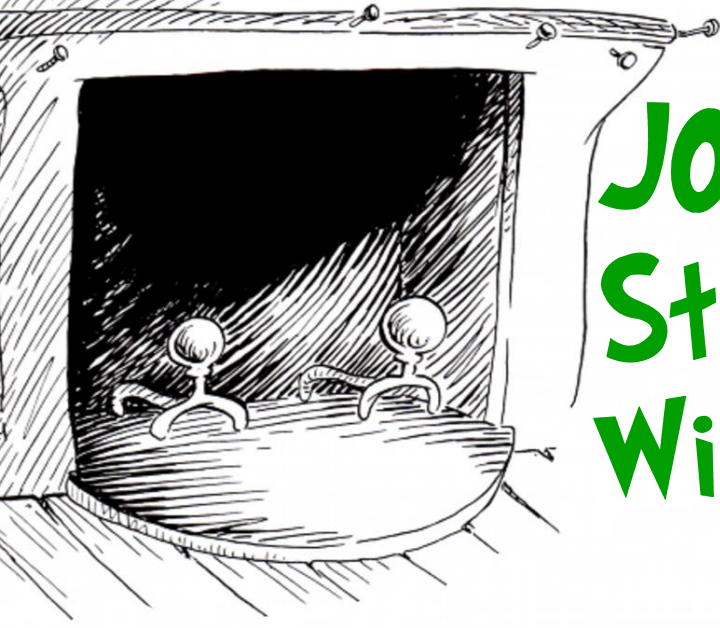
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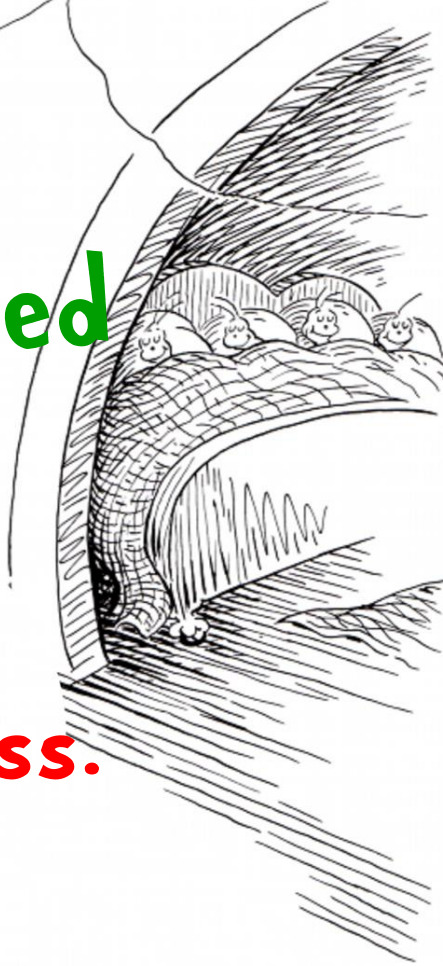
We've allowed a culture of stress
to redefine the season
and rob us of the joy
that God intended for us.

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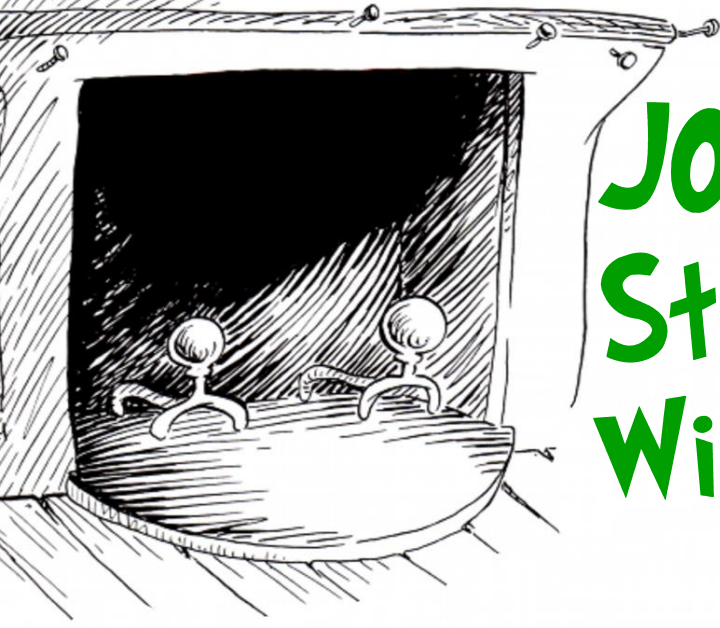


Stress leads to exhaustion and weakness.

Why is stress so exhausting?

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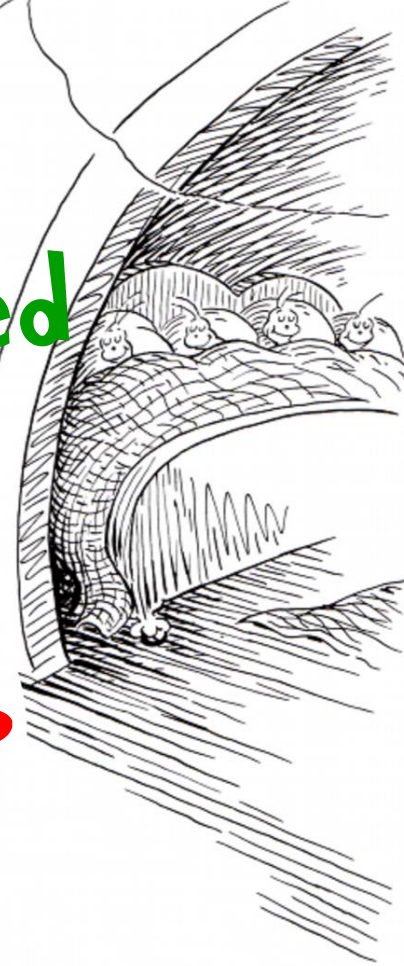
Nehemiah 8:10 “...The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

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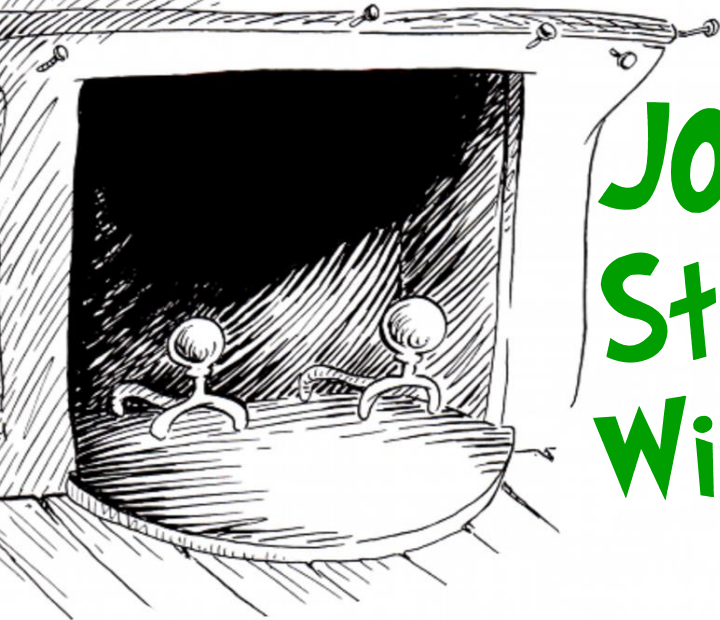
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How do you get your JOY back?

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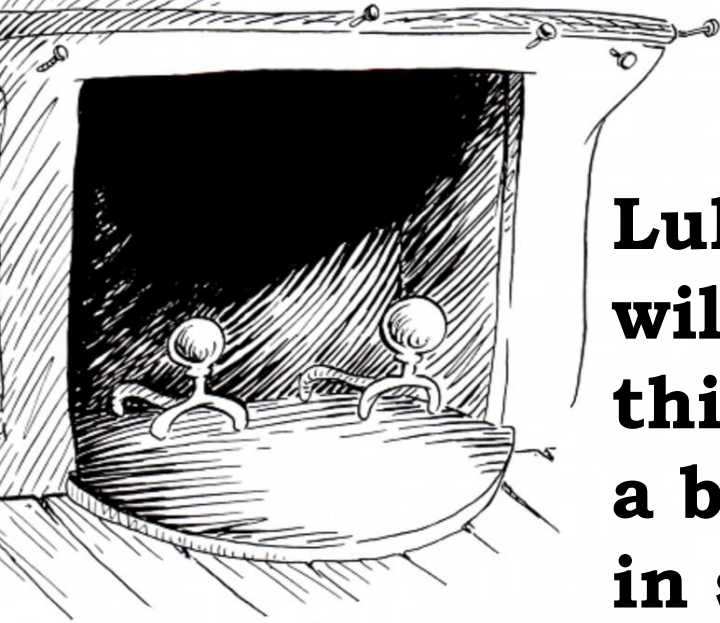
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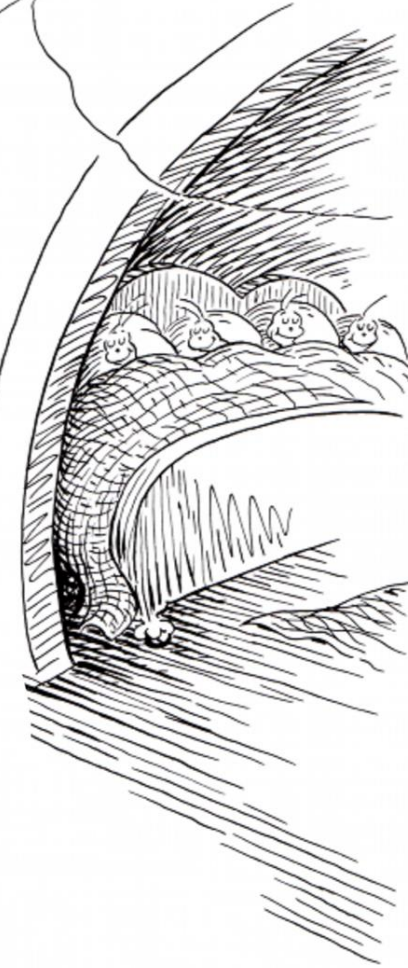
John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

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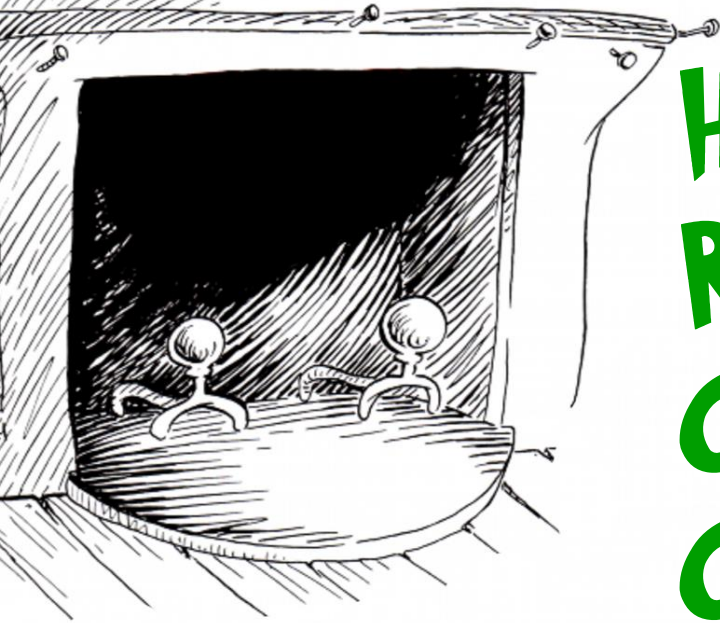


Luke 2:12 “And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

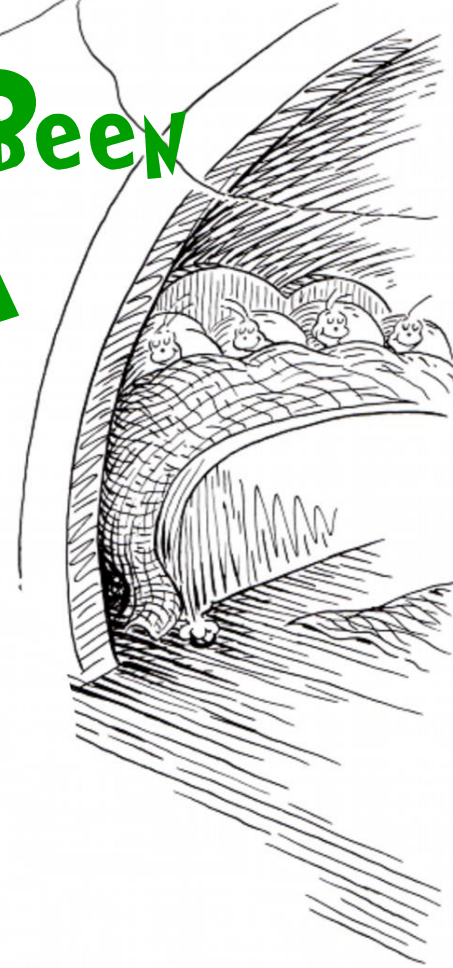


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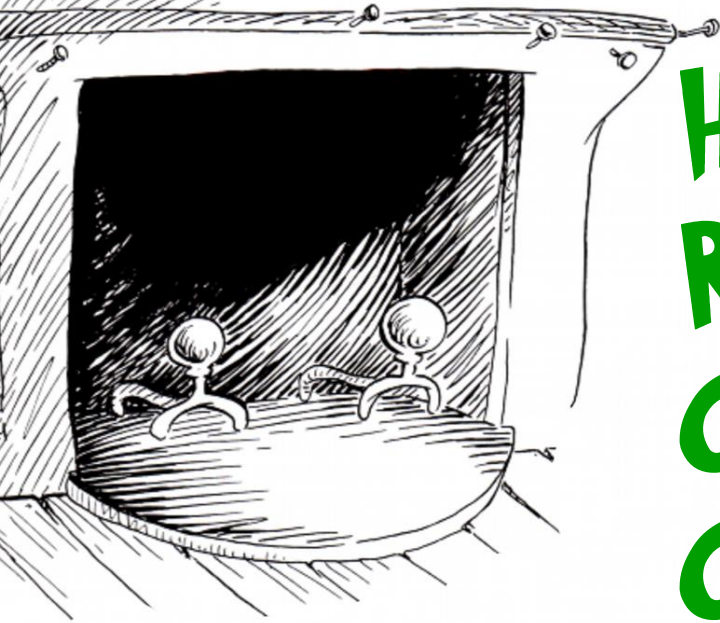
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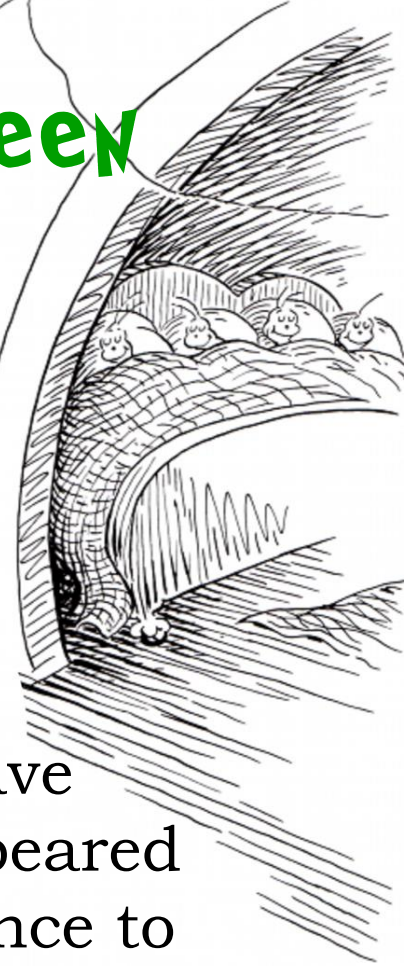
We have allowed our comfort
to take priority over being
identified with Jesus.

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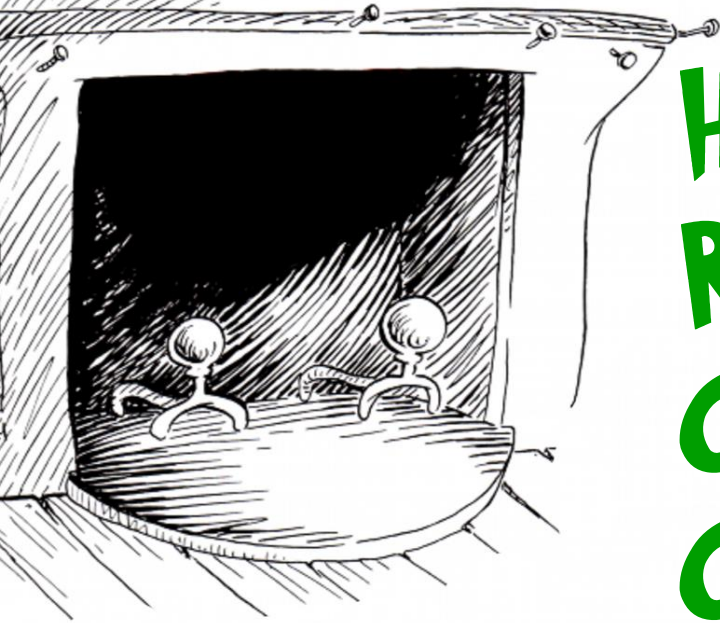
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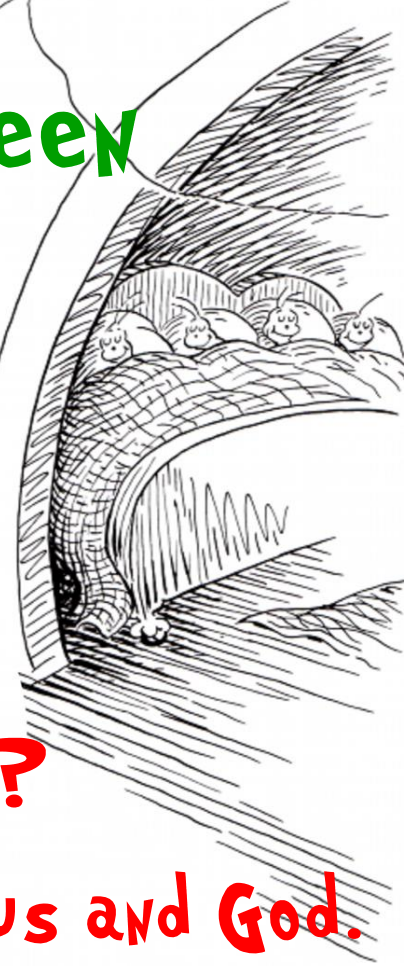
Philippians 2:7-8 He gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

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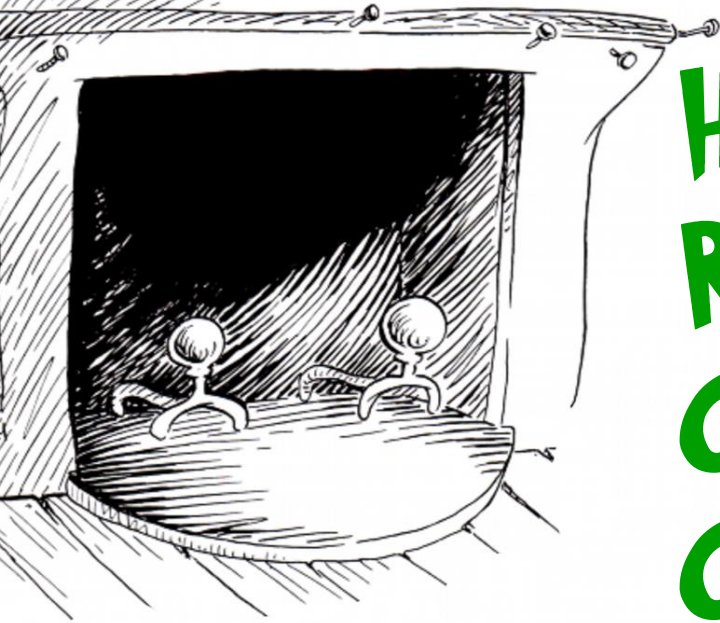


What happens when we refuse to be humble?

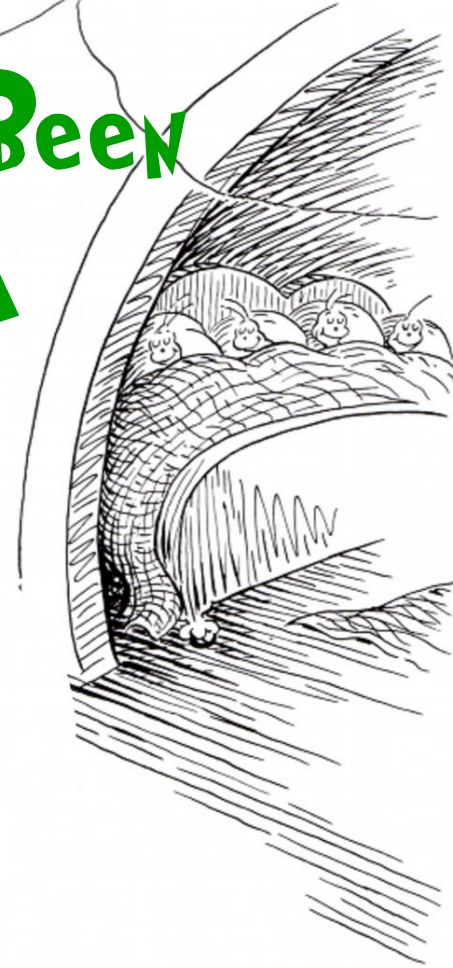
A lack of humility creates distance between us and God.

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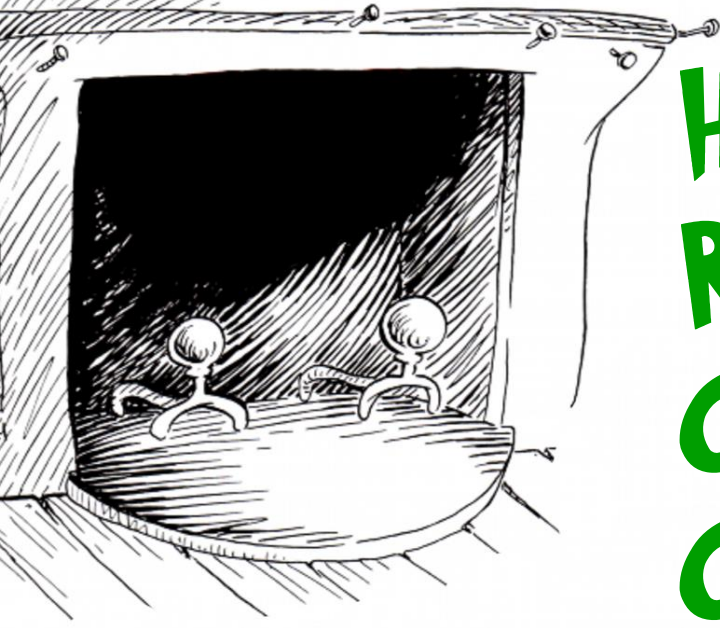
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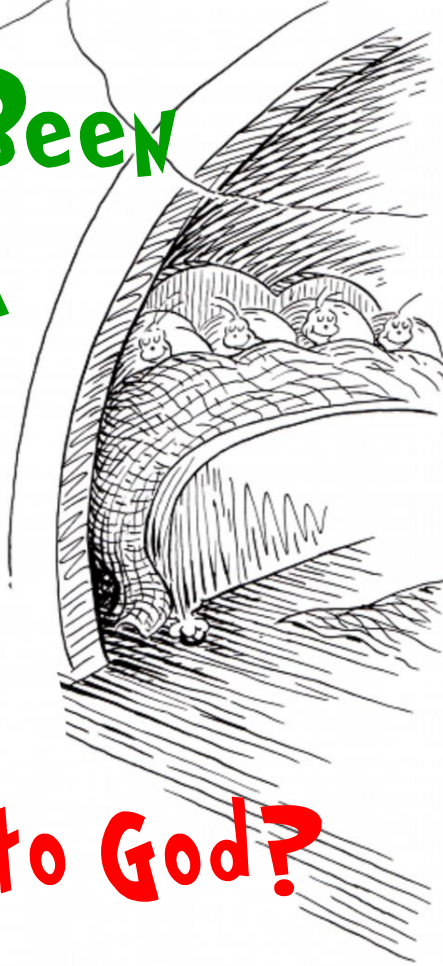
Psalm 138:6 The Lord cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud.

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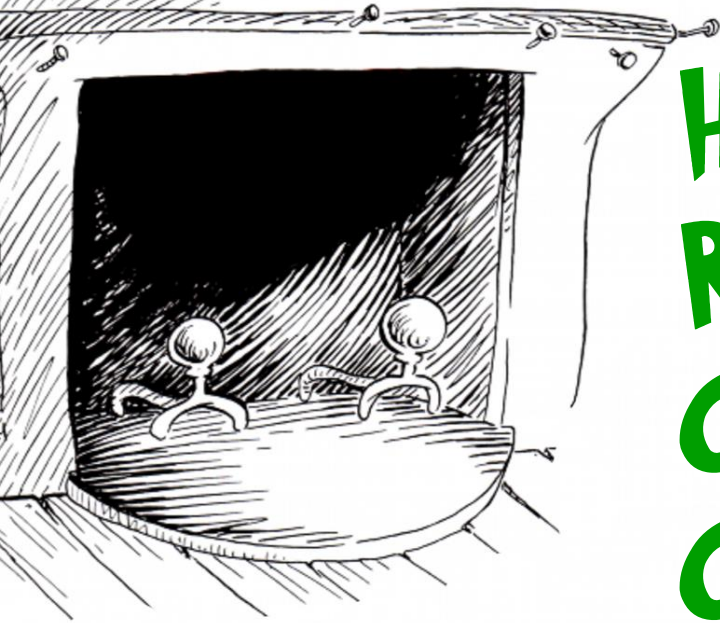
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How do we get back to being close to God?

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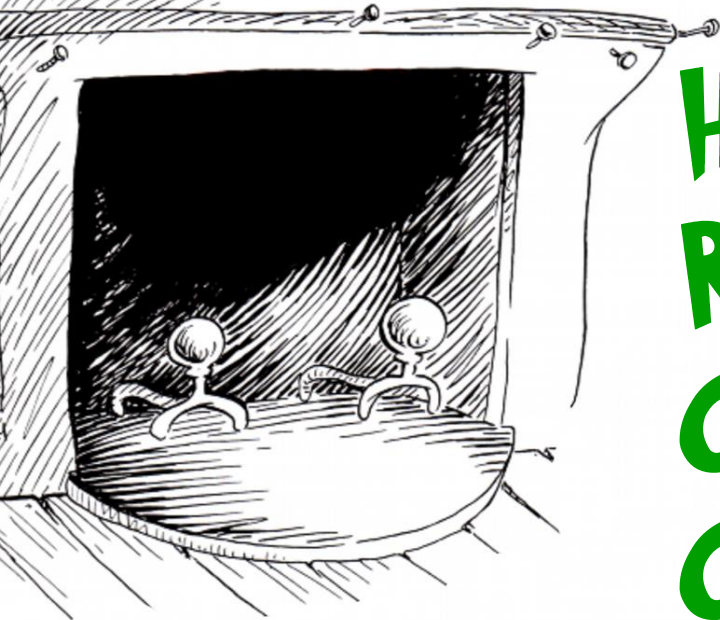
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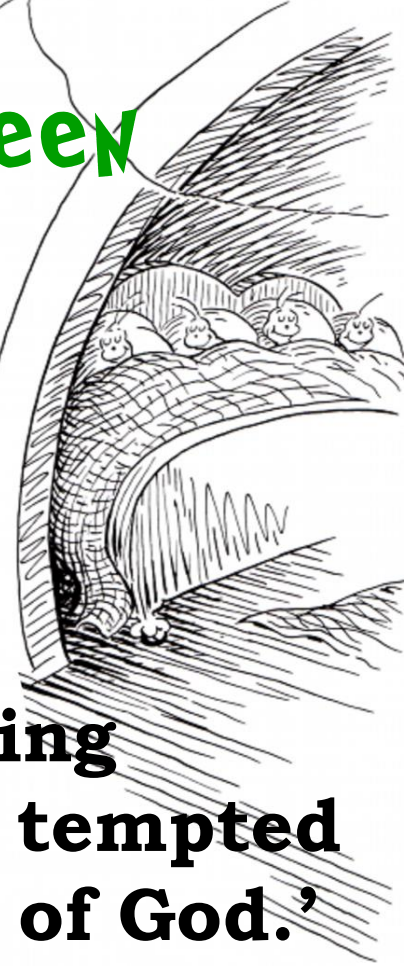
James 4:10 Humble yourselves
before the Lord, and he will lift you
up in honor.

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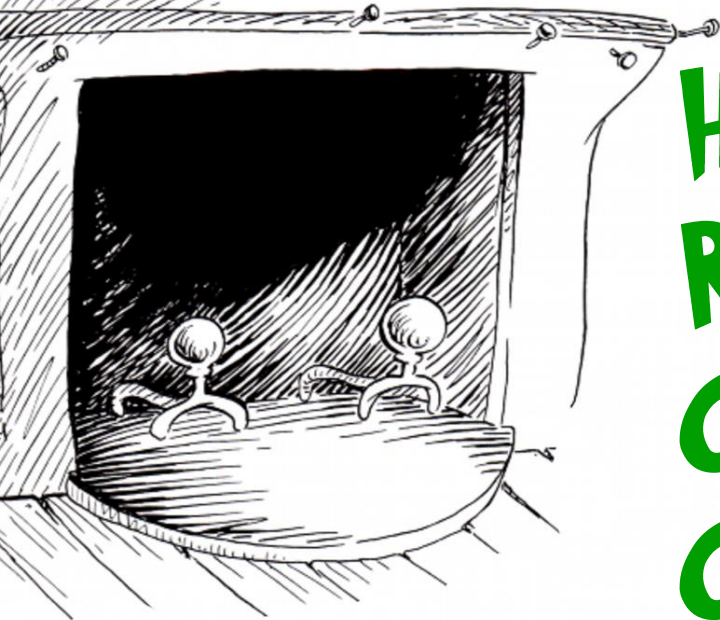
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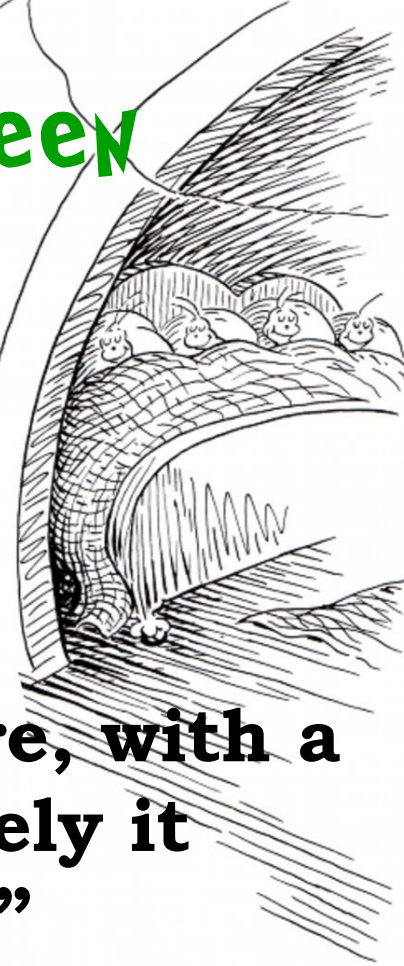
“When we saw him wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, we were tempted to say, ‘Surely this cannot be the Son of God.’”

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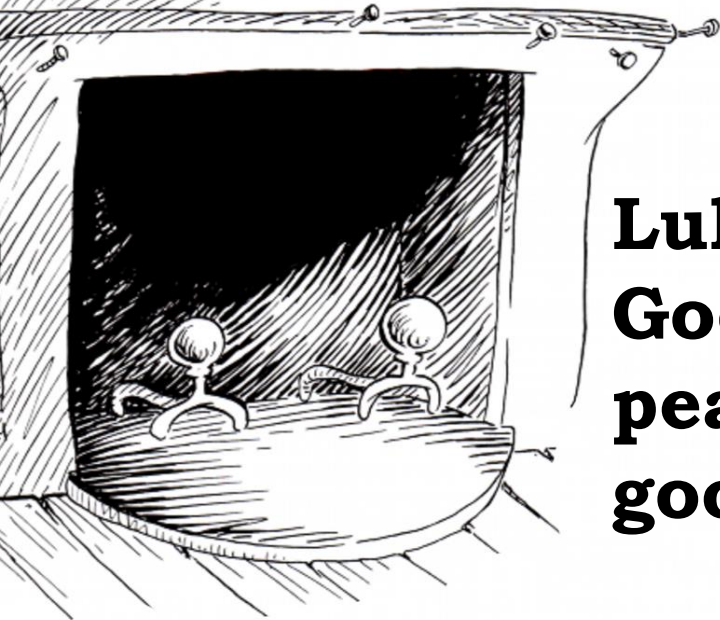


But see his birth attended, as it is here, with a choir of angels, and we shall say, ‘Surely it can be no other than the Son of God!’”

--Matthew Henry

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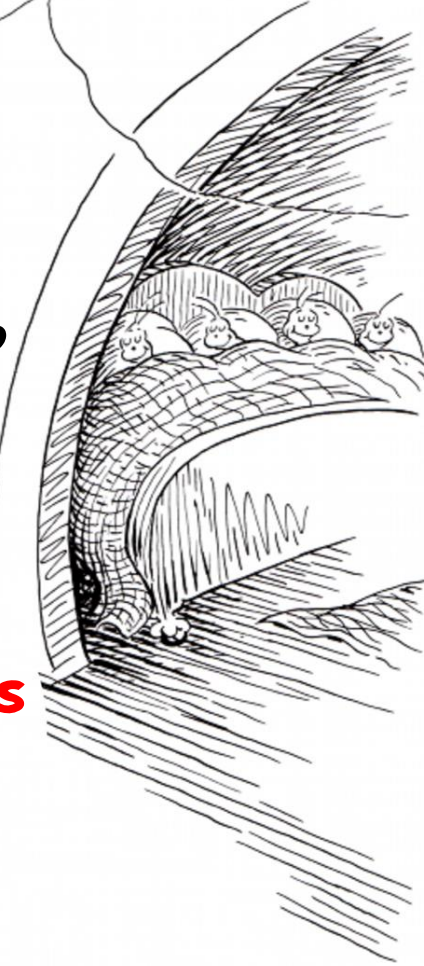


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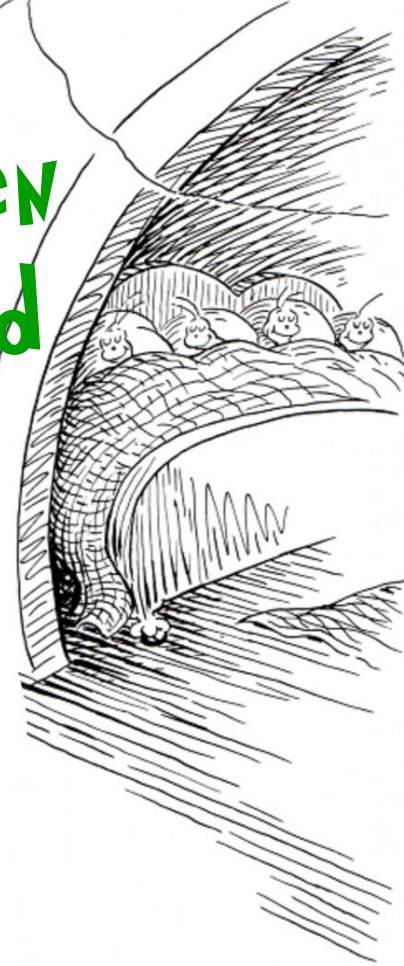
**Goodwill: Friendly, helpful, or cooperative feelings
or attitude. Kindness, consideration,
compassion, understanding.**

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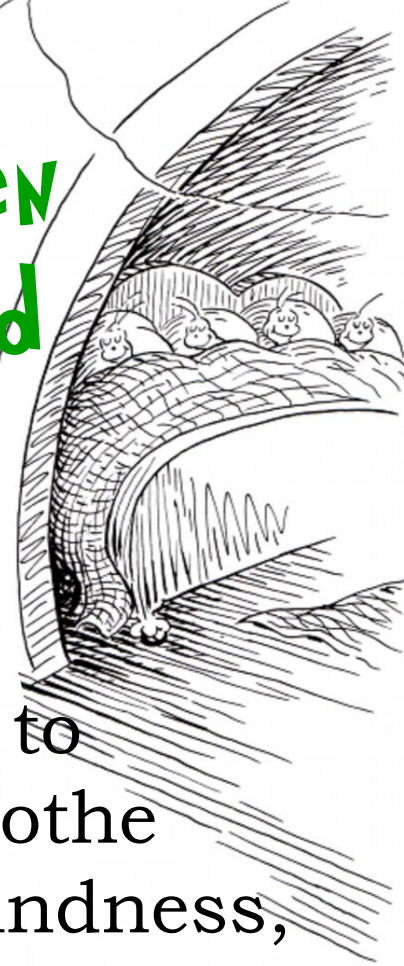
We all want to have peace on earth
but we don't want to show
GOODWILL toward men .

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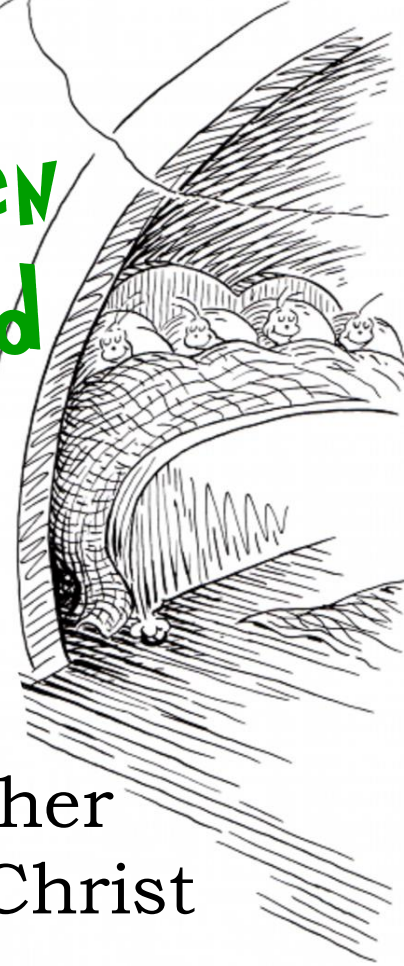
Colossians 3:12 Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

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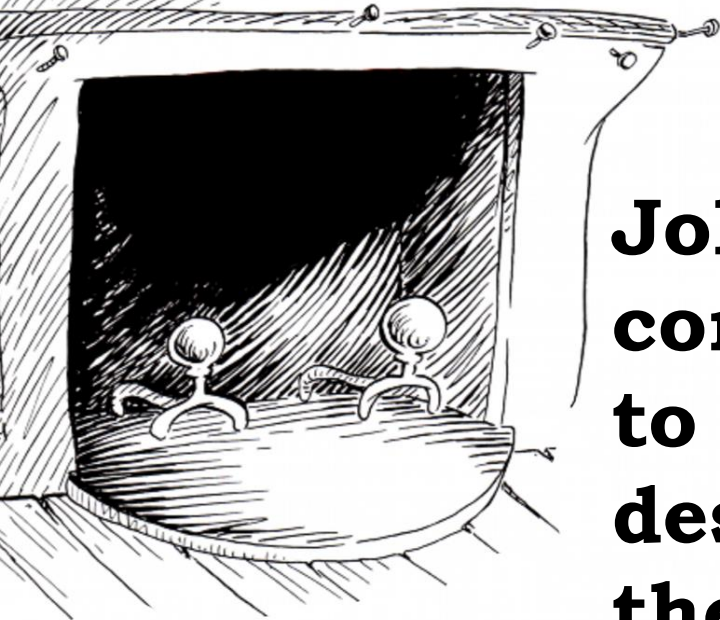
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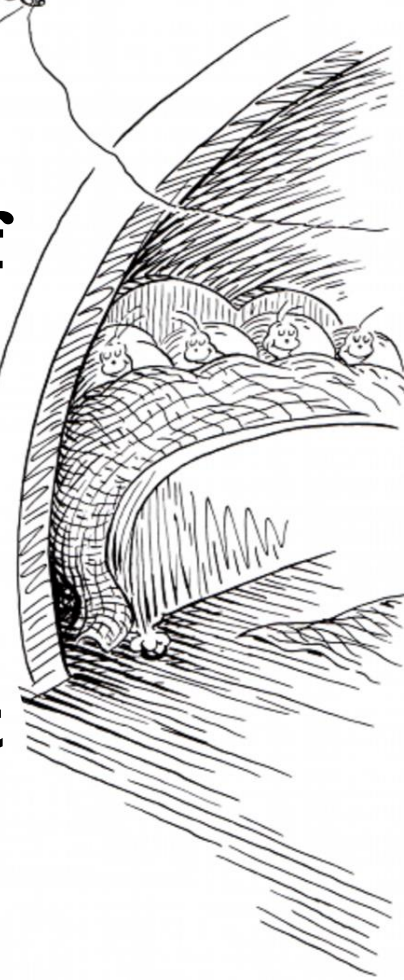
Colossians 3:14-15 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...

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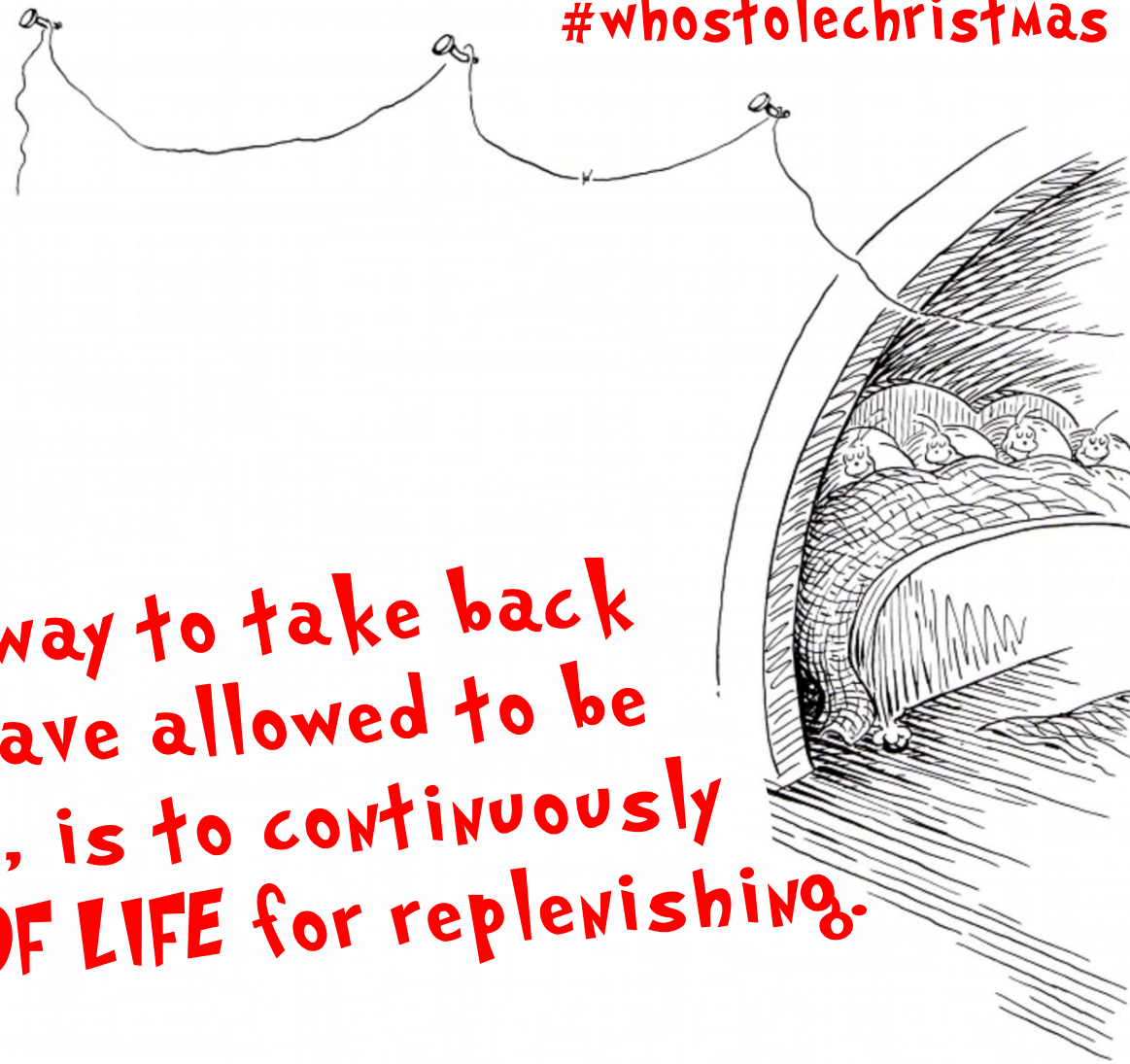
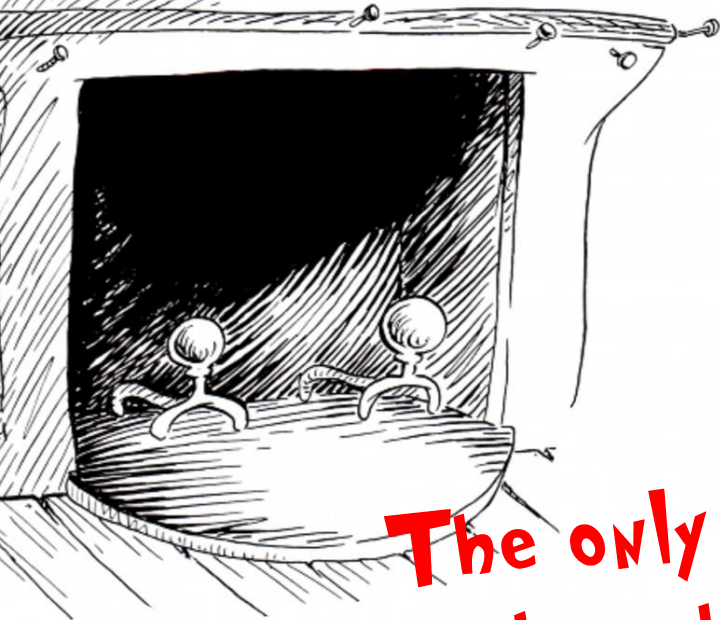


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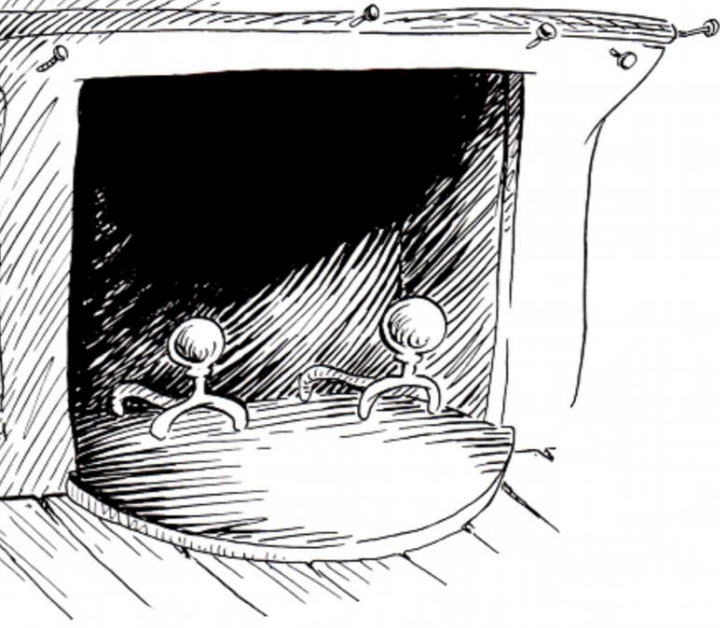
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The only way to take back what we have allowed to be stolen from us, is to continuously go to the **GIVER OF LIFE** for replenishing.

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