

# Reminder in an Elevator

A woman was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable – and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves – she finally made it to the elevator with her two youngsters.

She was feeling what so many experience during the holiday season: overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, bake all the holiday food and treats, getting perfect gifts for every single person on the shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card mailing list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally, the elevator doors opened, and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her and all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed, she couldn't take it anymore, and said, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."



From the back of the car, everyone heard a quiet voice respond: "Don't worry. We already crucified Him."

For the rest of the trip down, the elevator was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

The story sounds a wake-up call for all of us as we go deeper into this holiday season.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started "this whole Christmas thing" in your every thought, deed, purchase and word.

If we all did, just think how different this whole world would be – at Christmastime and all year long.

– Beecher Hunter