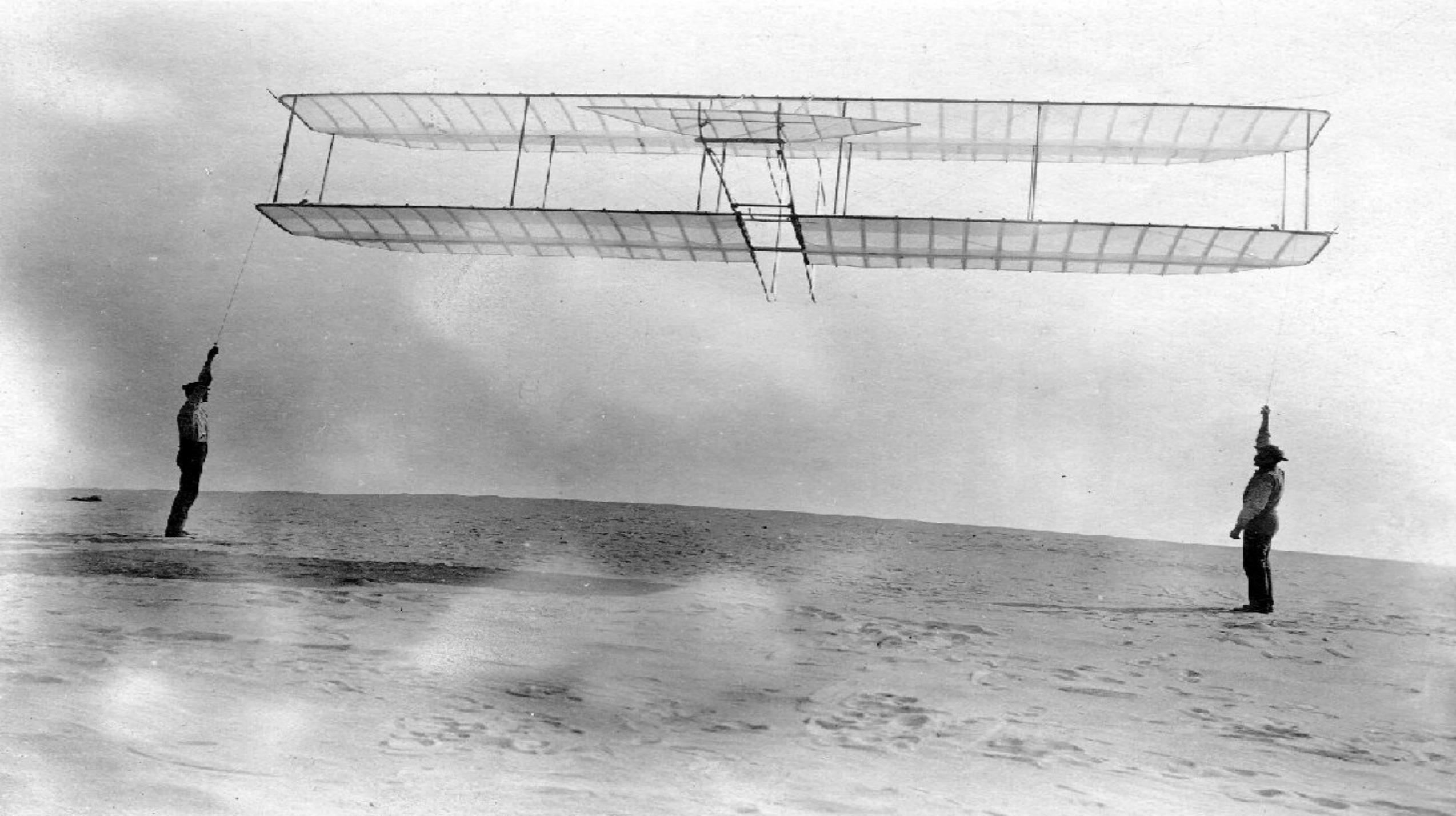


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CHRISTMAS







When you think of “Home”, what is the first thing that comes to mind?



*“Home is the place, when you get there,
you know where you are.”*



Garrison Keillor

“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”



Genesis 1:28

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth.



Hebrews 11:13

People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return.



Hebrews 11:14-15

Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



Hebrews 11:16

Everyone went to his own town to register [for a census]. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.



Luke 2:3-4

Jesus left his home
to bring us home.



The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain.



Genesis 6:5-6

So the Lord said, “I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth – men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground and birds of the air – for I am grieved that I have made them.”



Genesis 6:7

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”



Genesis 12:2-3

A record of the genealogy of
Jesus Christ the son of David,
the son of Abraham.



Matthew 1:1

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.



John 1:10-11

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.



John 1:12-13

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



John 1:14

“We see the most eloquent orators voiceless as fish when they speak of you, O Jesus our Saviour. For it is beyond our power to tell how you are both perfect man and unchanging God at the same time.”



Prayer from the Eastern Church

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the Lord’s hand in Egypt!



“There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”



Exodus 16:2-3

Jesus left his home
to bring us home.



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.



John 14:1-2

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.



John 14:3