

This Year I Will...

Part 1: ...Let God Change Me

Change is _____
Change is _____
Change makes _____

Just as there are physical laws that govern the physical universe, so are there spiritual laws that govern your relationship with God.

1. God loves me and _____

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly." John 10:10

2. My sin _____ from God

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

3. God makes a _____ possible

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the father but through Me.'" John 14:6

4. It's _____ to receive it

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Daily Meditations

Take a few minutes every day to read Scripture, pray, and answer some thought-provoking questions pertaining to this week's topic.

This week's memory verse:

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Monday

Think back over the sermon from last weekend. Write down the events that led to you making the choice to give your heart to God.

How did you recognize the truth of the four points then? How do you see the truth of those points now?

Read 2 Cor. 5:17. What do you think this verses means? How can you apply it to your life on a daily basis?

Thank God today for the people involved in leading to Christ. Thank Him for making you a new creation. Ask Him to help you live like a new creation today!

Tuesday

Read Ps. 51:10. Spend a few moments in prayer asking God to help you apply this verse to your life.

Why do you think having a pure heart is important? How do you need your heart purified?

What hinders you from seeking a pure heart?

What do you think it means to have a "steadfast spirit"?

How do you need to have your spirit renewed and made steadfast?

Thank God today that He can purify your heart. Thank Him for the renewal He gives to your spirit. Be honest with Him about needing to keep your heart pure and where you struggle with that. Ask Him for the faith and grace to stay close to Him and keep your spirit steadfast.

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Wednesday

Read Isaiah 43:18 & 19 and spend some time praying about how God wants you to apply these verses to your life.

How do you see the truth of these verses in your life?

How have you felt like you were in a desert or wasteland recently?

As you face the year ahead, are you willing to allow God to do a new thing in you? Why is it sometimes difficult to let God do a new thing in your life?

Thank God today that He can bring renewal to your life, even when it feels like a desert. Talk to God about the fears you face when it comes to letting Him do a new thing in you. Ask Him to strengthen your faith and anticipation as you look to the New Year.

Thursday

Read Ps. 27:14, 31:24 & John 16:33. What phrase do you see in all three of these verses?

List the action that follows “take heart” in each of the three verses:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

How do you need to “take heart” in your life to you right now?

How will this change your outlook?

Thank God today for the hope that we have in Him. Ask Him for the faith and strength to take heart in your life this week. Ask Him to help you follow through with the actions that come when you take heart.

Friday

Read Ps. 105:4. This is a short verse, but not an easy one to follow through on. Spend some time praying about this verse today.

Where do you especially need to seek God’s face this week?

A habit takes hold one day at a time. How can you begin today to make this verse a habit in your life?

List two ways a habit of looking to God and seeking His face would change your outlook.

- 1.
- 2.

Thank God today for God’s presence with you. Ask Him to help you make the choice to look to God and seek His face each step of your day today.

Saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed. Take some time today to list 10 things that you’re thankful for (different things than you listed last week!) Please pray for the special communion services this weekend. Pray that many people will be transformed by the Good News of God’s transforming grace.