

Are you making plans for the new year?

Are you reflecting on the past year?

Are you planning God in?

Are you letting God make your plans?

Let us reflect on the past.

Some of us were sick last year.

Some of us are still sick.

Some of us have had a great loss of a loved one.

Some have had a really hard year.

Some have had a great year.

What does God's word say to us?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed Away; behold, all things have become new.

It doesn't matter what kind of year you had.

We are made new in Christ.

Reboot yourself in the Lord.

Let us bury the past.

Ephesians 4:20-24

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him, and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Put God first in our lives.

Ezekiel 11:19

Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh.

Let God give you a new heart and spirit this year.

God's plans

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

We have hope and a future.

Praise the Lord in the hard times too.

Psalms 40:3

He has put a new song in my mouth Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

We know our God is with us, but we still do not understand our circumstances.

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

1Peter 5:7 NIV

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Our goals for 2026

Matthew 22:37-39

Jesus said to him, “ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and With all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. “

2Corinthians 5:20

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

Lamentations 3:22-26

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Big Idea: Only God's plans for our lives matter. Love your God with everything you have and love your neighbor as yourself. We are God's ambassadors, to urge others to be saved.