



## Choosing the Very Best Year of Your Life January 2-3, 2021

### What's My "Old Normal"?

- A habit I need to relinquish
- A goal I need to reach
- A project I need to reconvene
- A relationship I need to restore or remove
- A debt I need to retire
- A fear I need to release

### Psalm 85:6 (TPT)

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- Where are the closed doors, and where are the open doors I need to look for?

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### 4 Most Important Choices in My Life!

#### Choice #1 – Refuse to be defined by anyone but God

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### Exodus 23:1-3 (MSG)

"Don't link up with a wicked person and give corrupt testimony. Don't go along with the crowd in doing evil and don't fudge your testimony in a case just to please the crowd. And just because someone is poor, don't show favoritism in a dispute."

### 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts.

### Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

#### Choice #2 – Remember a momentary loss can result in a miraculous life

### Hebrews 11:25 (NIV)

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### Romans 5:3-4 (NCV)

We also have joy with our troubles, because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope.

### 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

### **Choice #3 – Regard God’s purposes above the world’s pleasures**

#### **Hebrews 11:26 (NIV)**

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#### **1 John 2:16-17 (NIV)**

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### **2 Keys to Regarding God’s Purposes**

- **People are more valuable than my personal pleasure.**
- **Peace of mind is more valuable than earthly possessions.**

### **Choice #4 – Reject my fears and release my faith**

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#### **Galatians 2:16 (CEV)**

But we know that God accepts only those who have faith in Jesus Christ. No one can please God by simply obeying the Law. So we put our faith in Christ Jesus, and God accepted us because of our faith.

### **Making the Resolutions Last**

- **Get involved in church on the weekend and in a Grace Group during the week.**

#### **Hebrews 10:24-25 (GNT)**

Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.

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