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Trust and Renewal

by Janet Van Why

We've ushered in a new year and also a new decade. Perhaps some of us have decided to start the year off with new resolutions to improve our lives and our year. Some of us might be resolving to lose weight, eat healthier or let go of too much social media. Perhaps we are wanting to spend more time in the Bible. Or maybe we really want to work on improving a relationship or make a difference in our community. Maybe we want to serve in a special ministry. Each of these things are very positive and good. It's been said that the toughest thing about resolutions is keeping them. Life happens and sometimes our motivation can dissolve or be uprooted. But there is hope. Lasting results and true resolution can be found in one very sure source. That source is Christ. Any resolution made that does not include Christ at its core, will not last or bring true joy and fulfillment. We, as humans, were built with a core need deep within us. A need to have a deep, trusting relationship with our Heavenly Father. When this is missing in our lives, there is a void. We seek to fill it in many ways. Often we can look to the world to fill it. We can turn to material things or things that are unhealthy and leave us hurting.

We can even try to turn to other humans to make us feel good about ourselves or to point us in a direction we should go. But God has shown us all we need to do is just trust in Him and choose Him first to fill the gap and find real purpose and fulfillment.

In Jeremiah 29:11 the Lord says... *"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."*

If we truly and completely trust God in our lives, wholly give ourselves over to God and ask Him to work His will and His plan in our lives not ours, we will find a joy and peace that is complete, lasting and real. A future.

In Proverbs 3: 5-6 it says: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

God will direct our choices and paths *as we seek and acknowledge Him ..in all our ways.,*

Let's start this year right and ask God to be first in our lives and put our full trust in Him!

Group Studies: Saturdays @ 9:30am
Main Worship Service: Saturdays @ 10:50am
Please join us!!
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Christmas Concert and Fundraising Dinner—December 2019



The delicious dinner benefited Joy Junction and the Women's Shelter



Johnny was "Master of Ceremony" and master organizer of the event



Amy and Abby performed a "snappy" number

Emma performed "Away in a Manger"



Lyrics from the song "Fighting My Battles"

The Afters

This current is trying to wreck me, like castles of sand, castles of sand. My fear, like an enemy army is marching again, but I'm making a stand.

You surround me on every side. Your love is my armor, I fear no evil. Darkness runs from Your light. So I won't be afraid, I won't be afraid.

You're going before me and oceans are parting. You're fighting my battles. When my feet are failing and my heart is shaking, You're fighting my battles

You're fighting my battles. Time after time.

You're my refuge. You heal every scar.

You're guarding my heart. Your promise, the hope that I cling to. My rescue, my friend,

You come rushing in. and surround me on every side. Your love is my armor, I fear no evil. Darkness runs from Your light, so I won't be afraid, I won't be afraid.

You're going before me and oceans are parting, You're fighting my battles. When my feet are failing and my heart is shaking, You're fighting my battles, You're fighting my battles.

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Eden (left) and Miriam (right) dedicated their lives to Christ through baptism in December 2019!!



A special communion service and agape dinner was held at the church on New Years Eve.

The focus was re-dedicating our lives to the Lord. Praising and leaning on the Lord in good times and bad. This is where hope is found.



AND THIS SAME GOD WHO TAKES CARE OF ME
WILL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS
FROM HIS **GLORIOUS RICHES,**

*which have been given
to us in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19 NLT