

Resolutions

Introduction

The New Year is a time to look back and to look forward. We look back and reflect on where we have been, the things we have done, and the presence of God in our lives. We look forward knowing that we have our goals and resolutions, but as people of faith, we know even more that God is calling us deeper into life with him.

We may look back on 2024 with gratitude but also with guilt, wishing we had done or said something differently. Today, we remember that the sacrifice of Jesus extends to us the opportunity to be made new. In him and him alone, we have new life and forgiveness – not only for this year, but for all the years to come.

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 43
- John 1:23

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Spend some time thinking about last year. What were some highlights?
2. What do you wish was different?
3. What does Isaiah say about the past?
4. What does Isaiah say about the future?
5. We just celebrated Christmas. What is the new thing that God has done in this season of hope and light?
6. What is Jesus inviting you to leave behind this year?
7. What is Jesus inviting you to do in the year to come?

Reflecting on the text

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

Pray

Gracious God, as we step into the New Year, help us forget the former things and see the new work You are doing in and among us. Prepare our hearts like a voice crying in the wilderness, making straight the way for Your Son. Renew our hope, guide our steps, and by Your Spirit lead us into the promises of Your grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.