

Theme for 2019

**‘The God of Another Year, is a God of Wonderful and Amazing Grace.
He is the God of Forgiveness and He is the God of Beginning Again.’**

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES!

“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

Psalm 51:15 (ESV); Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV); Psalm 9:1-2 (NKJV)



This Week’s Thought – April 7, 2019

“I will bless the Lord who counsels me; he gives me wisdom in the night. He tells me what to do.” Psalm 16:7 Living Bible (TLB)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES—Beautifully, the Psalmist describes the kind of sleep destined to accomplish more---more than when a person is awake. Sweet sleep where noisy distractions lie dormant. Emotion’s quiet, engine turned off. The body repairs torn muscle, rests achy bones and rejuvenates fatigued limbs. The Lord does deep work in our innermost being. A soul may be most awake when the body sleeps---ready to receive what is easily dismissed in the daytime hours. The Spirit seeps effortlessly into a soul waiting in solitude---engaged, in tune, teachable. What is comprehended in the night can be applied in the day. The Lord is awake while we sleep--to counsel, impart wisdom and direct.

“These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)

What decision do you face that has you seeking the face of Jesus? Maybe you are experiencing a relationship that requires bold courage to break off or generous forgiveness to grow its friendship and/or love. The truth is however, relational decisions can be messy and complicated. Be careful that your flesh (hurt, anger, etc.) does not cloud your thinking. In a similar fashion financial

wisdom can be diluted by confusing a want for a need. Wants can wait. Needs are necessary now. A newer car replacing a perfectly nice car is probably a want while a newer car replacing an undependable car could be a need. Wisdom does not bow to pressure for an instant decision, but bows to the Lord seeking the best decision.

In our stress we can sleep soundly, as we seek God postured for prayer while lying in our beds. Our sleep is the Spirit's opportunity to carry out deep soul care. We can rest in the middle of relational conflict, with the confidence that Christ can bring us solutions for resolution as we rest. Rest facilitates a healthy body and a healthy perspective. Perhaps we keep a pen and paper on the night stand so we can record what we see in the night, to remember and apply in the day. Our loving heavenly Father who never slumbers---speaks to our soul in our slumber. He counsels us to trust. He gives us wisdom to be counter-cultural. He tells us the next right thing to do.

“For God does speak—now one way, now another—though no one perceives it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds, he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings, to turn them from wrongdoing and keep them from pride.” (Job 33:14-17)

On today, may the blessing of peace rest upon you...the blessing of joy abide within you...the blessing of success and favor surround you...the blessing of love flow out through you. May all the Blessings of the Lord be yours in abundance as you ‘Encounter the Possibilities’ this day will bring!!

Application: In the moment, you might sometimes pressure your imperfect self to make a perfect decision— only then you realize you need to be reminded of a wiser way. With a little bit of time you are able to: 1) process emotions, 2) ponder options, 3) reflect on "why" you want to do this or that, 4) and chiefly, ask Christ for His wisdom and validation. Just going with your feeling, emotions or your "gut" in an instant may give you short-term relief, but with a long-term kick in the "gut" or long-term brokenness.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Dear Lord, my heart longs to know You as Christ knew You, in deep abiding faith. Forgive the many times I have disappointed or failed You. Teach me Your own constancy in love. Your humility, selflessness and generosity. Fill me this day with Your kindness, that I may be glad and rejoice throughout this year and all the days of my life— *365 Days of Possibilities*. I await Your Voice. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus. Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King