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## 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)



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"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus." John 1:41-42 (NIV)

<u>365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES</u>—Those who experience the abiding joy of Jesus cannot sit still with their new-found love and discovery. Lost souls who have experienced and seen in their own lives, the love of the Lord forgive their sin, are compelled to love their friends, family and even their enemies to the Lord. People who once panicked in fear, but now have peace with their heavenly Father, must share with others their hope in Christ. The fullness of the Spirit in a saved soul, bids believers to bring people to Jesus. <u>We who know Jesus are called by God to introduce others to Jesus.</u>

You may say, "*I am not a great debater*," or "*I have limited experience following Christ*," but while a general knowledge of your faith and belief is helpful, it is not necessary to explain the depth of God's love in John 3:16. Yes, you have the opportunity to grow your faith with life's ups and downs, but from the start of salvation you can tell your story, "*I was once spiritually blind, but now I see*."

*"Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I ever did."* (John 4:39)

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Once we introduce people to our best friend Jesus, He will invite them unto Himself. He initiates irresistible intimacy their soul longs to enjoy. We make the introductions, but the Spirit draws hungry hearts to know Him in a loving relationship for a lifetime. We plant a seed of Scripture, the Spirit waters the Word with conviction, and God harvests the heart for Himself.

"They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world." (John 4:42)

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 '<u>Encounter the</u> <u>Possibilities</u>' this day will bring!!

**Application:** Who do you know that you can share the good news of Jesus Christ with? Ask God to give you the courage, love and grace to boldly speak salvation through faith in Jesus Name.

<u>Prayer of reflection you might pray this week:</u> "Dear Lord, I thank You for saving faith and Your promise of eternal life. Make me ever grateful for these blessings and increase my willingness to serve You, especially to witness to others. Too often I have missed opportunities to speak for You. Forgive me where I have failed. Help me see opportunities for witnessing and give me the courage to speak up. Increase my concern for lost souls and my desire to witness; strengthen me according to my great need. Lord, I often don't know what to say, but You know. I am weak and afraid, but You are strong. Make Your love my love; Your words my words; and Your strength my strength. Help me speak the right word at the right time and help me to go forth to new victories in You. 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