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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)



## This Week's Thought – October 13, 2019

"Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." Isaiah 12:2-3 (NIV)

<u>365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES</u>—To trust in God, means you give up total control, and the Lord's assurance replaces your fear with peace. We cannot figure it all out, but we do have the capacity to trust the Lord God totally. It is a trust issue, and if He is who He claims to be, He can be trusted. If you can trust Him with the eternal salvation of your soul, you can trust Him with the temporal control of your life. If you can trust Him with the big things, you can trust Him with the small things.

Wherever God leads, He provides. What God initiates, He completes. His part is provision and our part is trust. Don't fall into the trap of trusting Him with some things and not trusting Him with others. Distrust in God is distasteful and an insult to His integrity. How can God not be big enough to handle any situation? Health, war, teenagers, spouses, money, conflict, family, friends, relationships, people, ministry, etc., can all be placed into His hands. **God can be trusted because He is trustworthy.** 

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The 'well of His salvation' is infinitely deep. We have limited capacity to bear burdens; however, His character and resources are unlimited. Without the support of a sympathetic Jesus, we will be immobilized, even crushed under the weight of worry. Jesus understands, and He wants us to yoke up with His support.

There is no need to dig around and search for answers when He already has it figured out. There is no need to sacrifice your health to worry and overwork when He offers peace and options you have yet to discover. There is no need to rush through life and then ask Him to bless your efforts after the fact. He can be trusted to lead you even before you put a prayerful plan into motion.

Trust in God does not mean you act irresponsibly and seek forgiveness later. Trust in God means you patiently walk with Him in your decisions and choices. Slow down, look up, trust Him, and watch Him reap extraordinary results. <u>Partial trust leads to frustration and worry. Total trust in Jesus leads to contentment, joy, and peace.</u>

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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:** What area or areas of your life have you not totally released to absolute trust in God? Can you honestly say, 'Heavenly Father, I totally trust You with ALL matters of my life'?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: "Heavenly Father, I want to honor You and follow the path You want for me. Please make Your will clear. Show me the path to take. I will study Your Word to know Your truth. Please give me the courage to willingly accept even rocky paths knowing You are with me. I love it when life is smooth and easy, but I know You sometimes choose to allow bumps to draw me close and help me grow. So, I put my hope and total trust in You, that whatever the journey holds for me, I know that You will never leave me or forsake me. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!"

Yours in Christ, Pastor King