

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 – November 10, 2019

“This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: ‘A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” Matthew 3:3 (NIV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES—There is a preparation of the heart that is needed to move from the wilderness of fear, anxiety, uncertainty and even doubt, to the garden of God’s grace. Outside of Christ we are all in our own wilderness...the feeling of detachment from God and His goodness; however, in His presence is a paradise of peace and comfort. So, prayerful followers of Jesus continually prepare for the Lord to sup with them in the sanctuary of their heart, mind and souls. You prepare in anticipation of His presence.

How do you prepare for Christ’s presence in your life? For example, you may be in a financial wilderness. If so, seek the wisdom of the Bible regarding managing money. Perhaps you create a spending plan; if necessary, downsize your lifestyle to lower expenses; and maintain, even increase, giving.

Your wilderness may be related to a hard issue that has been ignored but now needs addressing. Because communication has not been clear, each party has created his or her own reality around conflicting expectations. Take time to get everything out in the open and talk through a process that works for everyone. A relational wilderness isolates you from the closeness/connectedness you need with others and with the Lord. Isolation is divided, not united.

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Most of all, make sure prayer has prepared a path for the Holy Spirit to lead and direct your life. Consider prayerful goals that can guide your life over the coming months. For example, leave the wilderness of bad eating habits to the accountability of well-prepared meals with healthy foods. This takes time and money, but the dividends literally pay off for a lifetime.

Lastly, how is your heart? Is it tender to the things of God? Is the Scripture nourishment for your soul? The weeds of unbelief can create confusion, but the ‘green grass’ of God’s grace gives you an inviting place to practice His presence. His presence is your shelter in the wilderness of the world’s unseemly ways. Thus, prepare the way for the Lord, and you will travel well together (You and the Lord).

“In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.” (Psalm 31:20)

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: Is your heart and life prepared to be blessed by God and to be a blessing to others? What preparation does the Lord require of you to carry out His calling through your life?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Heavenly Father, please strengthen our hearts, and remind us to encourage one another when the troubles of life start to overwhelm us. Please guard our hearts from depression and despair. Give us the strength to rise up each day and fight against the struggles which seek to weigh us down. Your ways are higher than my ways. I pray for power and strength to surrender my way and follow your best way. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King