

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 – December 8, 2019

“They went immediately to the Jews in Jerusalem and compelled them by force to stop. Thus the work on the house of God in Jerusalem came to a standstill.” Ezra 4:23-24 (NIV)

365 DAYS OF POSSIBILITIES—You may be facing a temporary setback, but God’s purposes will not be thwarted. It may seem as if your life is on hold and everything has come to a standstill. You have worked so hard to get to this point, but it looks like the opportunity has vanished or disappeared. **If so, don’t give up! God may have something better!**

It is not time to get mad, but glad. What God initiates, He accomplishes. He hasn’t forgotten about you or your circumstances. He is on top of the situation. **This is a temporary setback.** This is a good time for you to catch your breath and reflect on the great things He has already done so far. You have been running hard, so pause and prepare for the next stage of personal, professional and spiritual growth.

You do not need to venture into opportunities for which your character is not ready. The last thing you want is to move forward without the depth of wisdom, patience, relationships, and operational skills needed to complete the project. The motive of your adversaries is to crush your project, but God is taking what was meant for evil and using it for good.

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Genesis 50:20)

The unfair criticism of others is a cheap way to distract you; so, ignore their insults. Immature people act immaturely. Do not lower yourself to their level of behavior. Otherwise, you may never get out. You’ll spin your wheels and becoming defensive, you’ll get stuck. Focus on the Divine, not your distracters. In other words, focus on God! He is the One who has led you this far and He is the One who will lead you through to completion. If everything were easy, we might take God’s blessings for granted or we might forgo gratitude to God.

The Lord knows what is best. He knows how to align everyone’s hearts involved in the project. Sometimes, there is even an ironic twist. He may eventually use the endorsement, resources, and relationships of your biggest critics. The ones who rolled a boulder onto the road may be the very ones who remove the obstacles and provide you fuel for the journey. Isn’t it just like God to turn the tables? (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:13)

Obstacles become opportunities; adversaries become advocates; critics become cheerleaders; enemies become emissaries; and setbacks become a tremendous springboard for God’s Will. Take heart and keep your head up! It is darkest before the dawn. Hang in there with Jesus, and He will hold you up. Your Savior will sustain you. God’s purposes will not be thwarted, so believe it, and watch Him work.

“Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.” (2 Corinthians 8:11)

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: Who or what do you need to not give up on, even though that someone or something has let you down? Ask God to help you persevere and trust Him during this temporary setback.

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Father I know that there is much about my journey through life that I do not understand, but Lord I trust You. For You have scheduled every day of my life and there is no danger or disappointment, suffering or pain of which You are unaware – and which You will not use for Your greater glory and my eternal good. I pray that even though I do not understand the reason for so many of the difficulties that I have to endure, I know that You will provide me with the sufficient grace I need to persevere to the end. Lord I believe that my times are in Your hands and I trust You to bring me through to a final and triumphant conclusion. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate Name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King