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365 DAILY DEVOTIONS

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Introduction

It's difficult to admit that we need God—
all the time. We find ourselves shyly
requesting his attention as if he is easily
annoyed. As if he's tired of hearing us ask for
something yet again. This couldn't be further
from the truth!

God loves to meet us in every moment of
every day. He encourages us to come close
and confidently ask him for everything we
need. He wants to hear what is on our hearts.

As you spend time reading these devotions,
Scriptures, and prayers, remember that God
is keenly listening to your every word.

He is waiting to shower you with his
blessings of peace, hope, joy, and strength.
All you need to do is ask, and then be still.

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January

“SO DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU;

DO NOT BE DISMAYED,

FOR I AM YOUR GOD.

I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU;

I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY

RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.”

ISAIAH 41:10 NIV

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JANUARY 1

something new

“I am about to do something new.
See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?
I will make a pathway through the wilderness.
I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.”

Isaiah 43:19 NLT

Whether you have generated a color-coded list of goals, dreams, and an execution plan for the next 365 days or you've banned resolutions and vowed to make this just another day on the calendar, the clean slate represented by the first day of a new year is filled with an undeniable air of expectation. The excitement of a new bauble or gadget pales in comparison to the promise of a new beginning. Deep down inside, there is a part of us which thinks, “This could be my year!”

Guess what? It is your year. This day, and every one that follows, is yours. It is yours to choose who and how to love, to serve, and even to be. And the choice you made in reading this page represents the choice to take this journey in the company of your heavenly Father. That is a beautiful place to start.

Heavenly Father, I give you this year. I ask that you would help me keep you in the forefront of my mind as I make decisions and plans. I want to seek your advice in everything I set my hand to.

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JANUARY 2

All Things New

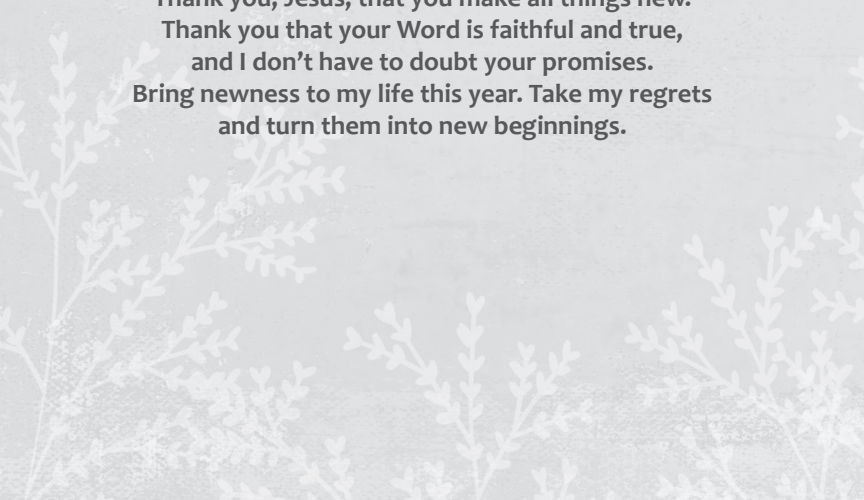
He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.”

Revelation 21:5 NKJV

The most beautiful thing about the God we’ve entrusted our lives to is that he makes all things new. That is a faithful statement—it has always been true and will always be true.

As we begin a new year, empty and full of both bright promise and worrisome unknown, we can rest our souls in the truth that our God will make everything new. Our regrets, mistakes, and failures are nothing compared to his covenanted promise of redemption and newness.

**Thank you, Jesus, that you make all things new.
Thank you that your Word is faithful and true,
and I don’t have to doubt your promises.
Bring newness to my life this year. Take my regrets
and turn them into new beginnings.**



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JANUARY 3

Invisible

The LORD looks down from heaven
and sees the whole human race.
From his throne he observes
all who live on the earth.

Psalm 33:13-14 NLT

Are you feeling invisible today? You may be surrounded by a crowd of people and yet feel alone and isolated. This may be how the woman who needed a healing touch from Jesus felt, but was convinced he would never notice her among so many. She reached out and touched him, and found him fully aware. Hagar, Sarah's servant, was driven from her home by her angry mistress. Wandering lost and alone in the wilderness, God saw her and became her deliverer.

It's difficult to comprehend that as small and insignificant as we are in time and space, God sees each of us and even knows our name. Others may not seem to notice or understand, but God knows our whole story. He is always present, all-seeing, all-wise. No matter where we are, God sees.

I am so thankful, Lord, that you not only see me physically, but you see into my heart and mind and know my every thought. Help me always to remember that I am never invisible to you.

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JANUARY 4

Make Me Patient Now

Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:2 NIV

It has been said that a prayer for patience is a dangerous one because in order to develop it, trials need to come. Patience is developed with much practice; even the simple act of waiting—for anything really—is good practice. Think of the patience Jesus has with us. Before we knew Christ, he waited patiently for us to come to repentance. When we fail to trust him and worry and complain about our circumstances, he waits until we're ready to turn to him once again. He puts up with our foibles and inconsistencies and loves us anyway.

Are you being called to a new level of patience these days? Are you bristling with frustration and anger at things that aren't going your way? Are spiritual growing pains about to wear you out? Then it's time to kneel once again at the throne of grace and ask for help in your time of need.

Oh Lord, forgive me for my impatience today. I am going to pray a bold prayer and ask that you would develop the quality of patience in my life. Help me to cooperate with the process.

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