



**New Year – New You**  
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*I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

**Philippians 1:3-6 NIV**

## ***How Can GOD Help Me Start Fresh?***

**God will help me start fresh this new year when...**

### **1. I SEEK HIM FIRST!**

*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

**Matthew 6:33 NLT**

### **WISE MEN STILL SEEK GOD!**

### **2. I SERVE HIM!**

*“So then, obey the commands that I have given you today; love the Lord your God and serve him with all your heart.”*

**Deuteronomy 11:13 GNT**

*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

**Colossians 3:23-24 NIV**

### **SERVING MY SAVIOR WILL COST ME SOMETHING!**

*There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields, taking care of their flocks. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone over them. They were terribly afraid, <sup>10</sup> but the angel said to them, “Don’t be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. ...*

*<sup>11</sup> This very day in David’s town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord! <sup>12</sup> And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great army of heaven’s angels appeared with the angel, singing praises to God: <sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!” <sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them back into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us.” <sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When the shepherds saw him, they told them what the angel had said about the child. <sup>18</sup> All who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said. <sup>19</sup> Mary remembered all these things and thought deeply about them. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds went back, singing praises to God for all they had heard and seen; it had been just as the angel had told them.*

**Luke 2:8-20 GNT**

### **SERVING MY SAVIOR WILL MOVE ME AWAY FROM COMFORT!**

### **3. I SURRENDER TO HIM!**

*A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.*

**Luke 14:25-27 NLT**

*Whoever is a believer in Christ is a new creation. The old way of living has disappeared. A new way of living has come into existence.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17 GW**

*...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.*

**Colossians 3:10 NIV**