

# PREPARING FOR AN AMAZING NEW YEAR

New Years – 2021

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*No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.* **Philippians 3:13-14 (NLT)**

## 1. We need to Learn from the Past.

*These things happened to them as examples for us. They were written down to warn us who live at the end of the age.* **1 Corinthians 10:11 (NLT)**

## 2. We need to Resolve the Past.

*The LORD says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.* **Isaiah 43:18-19 (NCV)**

## 3. We need to be Looking Forward.

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.* **Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)**

## 4. We need to Trust God for Everything.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.* **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT)**

## 5. We need to Stay focused on what’s Important.

*But we must hold on to the progress we have already made. Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example...But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.* **Philippians 3:16-17, 20-21 (NLT)**