

Welcome to Church 54 / Home! We can't believe this is the last Sunday of 2019. This past year was miraculous and we are believing for greater things in 2020! In order for that to happen, we need to make some new resolutions.

In today's devotional, we will be talking about "4 R's for a Resolution". In Genesis 28 & 35, we see an excellent example from Jacob on how to make a resolution with God. Jacob was transformed at a place called Bethel. He found himself there when transitioning from one season to the next. It was here, at Bethel, that he fell asleep on a rock and God spoke to him in a dream. After this dream, God gave him promises. To remind himself of God's word, Jacob set up a monument and made a vow to God. After this encounter, God blessed everything that Jacob set his hand to do. Fourteen years later, when it was time for him to transition again into a new season, Jacob went back to Bethel, remembered the promises of God, received a fresh revelation, and built a new monument. We can learn from these portions of scripture that a true resolution comes from true revelation.

Let's look at the 4 R's of a Resolution.

### **1. Rest**

When we rest, knowing that Jesus is our Rock of salvation, we set the stage to hear from God.

### **2. Reflect (remember)**

When Jacob encountered God, it allowed him to reflect on where he had been and what needed to take place to move forward. We need to stop and reflect on this past year's successes, failures and hurts and bring them to God.

### **3. Receive (His perspective and promise)**

Let God's word change your perspective about your past. Listen to His voice, remember His promises, and receive His word for your new year.

### **4. Renew**

Just as Jacob made a memorial to remember what God said, we need to write out the vision God gives us and make it plain. New promises gives us new priorities. This is our vow to God. Write out your goals of how you will take steps of faith in 2020. Make God's promises in your life applicable, taking one step at a time and achieving one goal at a time. When we take a step of faith, God gives us the grace to achieve what we can't on our own.

### **Talk It Over**

1. What are some ways that you are able to rest before entering the New Year?
2. What were your successes and struggles in 2019?
3. What do you believe God is saying to you for 2020?
4. How can you get your priorities in order and what are some goals you need to set?

If you would like to receive Jesus in your heart, pray this simple prayer:

“Jesus, I believe in you. I believe that you died on the cross for me, rose again and are alive today. I ask you to forgive me of my sins and come into my heart. I want a relationship with you. From here on out, You are my Lord and Savior.”

If you said that prayer, I have faith that you are born again. The Bible says that your sins are as far as the east is to the west, meaning that they are totally forgiven and forgotten. All old things are passed away and all things are new in your life starting now. We are SO excited about your new walk with God and are standing with you!

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See you back at Church 54 on January 5, 2020!