

NEW YEAR'S EVE WEEK MESSAGE 2022

A YEAR BEHIND US. A YEAR AHEAD, UNKNOWN TO US BUT KNOWN TO GOD.

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“Cross This Jordan”

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This being the last week of this year - we naturally come to the place of memorial.

What comes to your mind when you hear the word memorial?

In most cases we think that it means something that is sorrowful and sad and heavy and it certainly can mean that. But in the Bible memorials are something altogether different.

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it came to pass that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying: 2 "Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them - the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

The Background to Joshua & The Land & The Canaanites

The Ras Sham'ra Tablets

Discovered in 1828 in what is today Northern Syria, the rare collection of stone documents record the pagan worship practices of the Canaanite religion. A dominant element of Canaanite worship was the practice of various forms of child and or human sacrifice. Ritualistic prostitution among both sexes as well as pedophilia were a common occurrence even among those of the youngest ages. So brutal, violent and barbaric were the practices of Canaanite worship that populations were often decimated by various forms of sexually transmitted diseases. For these evils God commanded the Israelites to exterminate the inhabitants of the land. However, Israel disobeyed the command. As the Canaanite religions were tolerated and frequently absorbed into the worship of the One True God among the Israelites, over the years that followed proved to be the genesis of the spiritual decline, fall and ultimate dispersion of the nation of Israel.
(just like our world today)

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1.) What We Now Know

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1a.) We Now Know - His Faithfulness Is Certain

**Consider the pain, events, perils,
issues, troubles, trials that God has brought you
through these past 12 months.**

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

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1b.) We Now Know - We Have Grown Deeper

Did You Grow This Year? _____
How Did You Grow This Year? _____
Why Did You Grow This Year? _____

We Must Get Back to Setting Up Markers – Milestones – Places - Historic Sites – Placeholders.

Deuteronomy 27:1-3

Now Moses, with the elders of Israel, commanded the people, saying: “Keep all the commandments which I command you today. 2 And it shall be, on the day when you cross over the Jordan to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, that you shall set up for yourselves large stones, and whitewash them with lime. 3 You shall write on them all the words of this law, when you have crossed over, that you may enter the land which the LORD your God is giving you, “a land flowing with milk and honey,’ just as the LORD God of your fathers promised you.

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1c.) We Now Know - Our Foundation Is Stronger

The Greater the Storms – The Deeper the Roots – The Stronger the Tree.

Creation Teaches Us That There is a Beauty on The Other Side of

- Its **Violent Upheavals** that **Create Mountains**
- Its **Torrential Floods** that **Create Grand Canyons**
- Its the **Thunderous Lightning Strike** that Purifies the **Air we Breathe.**

Ecclesiastes 3:11a

He has made everything beautiful in its time.

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2.) What We Leave Behind

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2a.) Our Old Battles

2 Timothy 2:1-4

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. 3 You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

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2b.) Our Old Wins

Let's Not Settle On Old Victories.

Galatians 6:9 & 2 Thessalonians 3:13

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good.

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2c.) Our Old Losses

Refuse To Let Defeat & Emotion Capture You.

**"Failure isn't fatal, but failure to change might be"
John Wooden**

**"I have not failed.
I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
- Thomas Edison**

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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3.) What We Carry Over

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3a.) We Carry Over His Presence

We will practice this year the presence of God
like we never have before.

(**Press** into Him / **Lean** into Him)

Psalm 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Cross This Jordan What We Carry Over

3b.) We Carry Over His Memorial

Beginning Now - in This Coming New Year;
Think Memorials. Think Territory. Think Advancing.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Samuel 7:12

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen, and called its name Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far (*or up to this point*) the LORD has helped us.”

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3c.) We Carry Over His Promises

Promises I Mean Directions, Instructions, A Compass

Proverbs 3:1-7

My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; 2 For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, 4 And so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil.

Nehemiah 8:5-6

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. 6 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God.

Our 2023 Commissioning

Let Us All Stand for This New Year's Commission.

Protocol;

1. Let's Stand In Silence.
2. Let's Clear Our Mind of Stuff.
3. Let's Ponder what God has Said to You.
4. Let's Lift Our Hands Toward Heaven
5. Let's Lift Our Heads Toward Heaven
6. Let's Lift Our Voice with These Words Toward Heaven

The Body Blesses Him With Hands Raised.

Almighty God - King of Kings and Lord of Lords - Our Eternal Father -
We thank you for giving us Your Son - Jesus Christ as our Lord
and Savior - We thank you Lord for Your Holy Spirit –
Who lives and abides with us –

Tonight, I dedicate my life to You - in spirit and in truth. –
I commit myself to You - from this moment forward – and into this
New Year - we choose to worship You – with our lives -
By how we live - and in all that we say and do - I dedicate my hands –
to do Your work - I dedicate my eyes - to look upon You at all

times - I dedicate to You my thoughts - to think upon what is holy,
just and good. - So that we might be a pure and undefiled people -
That we might be fit for Your use - we submit to the authority of Your
Word. - We determine to seek You to be our guiding light - We trust
You to be our source of all wisdom – and with our bodies we yield to
You - to be at Your service. - We vow tonight - to present ourselves as
living sacrifices - and by doing so - we separate ourselves from this
world - to live for Your kingdom – and to bring You praise – we vow
this night forward – to love You - with everything we are.

Jax Blessing Upon Them

The LORD bless you / and keep you / The LORD make His face shine upon you /
And be gracious unto you / The LORD lift up / His countenance upon you /
And give you peace /

And all of God's people said AMEN – In Jesus Name.

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