



Part 1: Be It Resolved...

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We make resolutions because we look back
and want to change direction.

We make resolutions because we want to look forward
and want to chart a new direction.

A Look Back

Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - *Lamentations 3:21-23*

A Look Forward

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." - *Matthew 28:18-20*

5 Spiritual Catalysts That Can Strengthen Your Resolve

1. Practical Teaching

"Therefore, whoever hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock... But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who his house on sand." - *Matthew 7:24, 26*

2. Private Disciplines

- a. Reflecting on the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- b. Praying to seek guidance (Matthew 6:9-13)
- c. Tithing (Matthew 6:19-21)

3. Personal Ministry

"They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."
"We have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.
"Bring them here to me," he said. - *Matthew 14:16-18*

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4. Providential Relationships

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day appearing. – *Hebrews 10:24-25*

5. Pivotal Moments

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. – *Romans 8:28*

Next Steps

CTK Groups Fair – Next weekend we'll end the service a little early so you can meet group leaders and explore getting into a new or existing group.

Winter Quarter Classes – Pick up a flyer in the Commons to find out registration details.

Baptism – If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior, declare your choice to follow him through water baptism during any weekend service in Bellingham on the weekend of February 16 & 17. A required baptism class takes place Saturday, February 9 from 7:15–8:15 PM or Sunday, February 10 from 12:45–1:45 PM. For information or to sign up, visit our website, or the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you made any New Year's Resolutions? What are they, and how are you doing so far?
- 2) How have you seen God's faithfulness in the past year of your life?
- 3) What are your hopes for growing in Christ in the coming year?
- 4) Which of the 5 catalysts is the easiest for you? Which is the most difficult? What is your plan to work on the weakest of the 5?
- 5) Take a few moments and thank God for his faithfulness, ask him for guidance in the future, and give him praise for the life he is giving you to follow his purpose.
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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