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THE WISE *Still* SEEK HIM

Reclaiming Honesty in a World of Shortcut Truths

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In today's world, where the mentality of "get what you want at any cost" prevails, honesty has become a forgotten value. We've learned

to leverage dishonesty for personal gain, spinning information to suit our own needs. Phrases like "my truth" have replaced God's truth, leading to a breakdown in trust and authenticity. When personal bias takes precedence over integrity, relationships are damaged, and the foundation of truth erodes.

In Genesis, God created us to live openly with Him and one another. But dishonesty, introduced by the serpent (Genesis 3), planted seeds of mistrust. Since then, fear, image control, and the desire for instant gratification have overshadowed integrity and transparency.

Dishonesty destroys trust. Whether in relationships, at work, or within ourselves, hiding the truth isolates us and burdens us with guilt. We may think we're protecting ourselves by covering up, but we're only building walls that trap us, keeping us from the freedom God intends.

Honesty—real, God-honouring honesty—brings freedom. Ephesians 4:25 urges us to **put off falsehood and speak truthfully** (NIV). As Jesus said in John 8:32, **"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** When we embrace God's truth, we reclaim who we were created to be.

It starts by being honest with ourselves. Psalm 139:23-24 invites us to let God search our hearts. Vulnerability is the path to healing. Then, we must be truthful with others, allowing honesty to rebuild trust (Colossians 3:9).

So, maybe its time to ask again, "Am I truly living in God's truth—in word and deed?"

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Hello, New Year

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Have you ever eagerly awaited a new year for a fresh start on your goals, prayers, and hopes? Or perhaps you wanted to leave setbacks in the past and move on.

A few years ago, as a new year neared, I saw many eager to leave the past year behind. After a year of accomplishments, healing, grief, and disappointment, I too felt ready for a fresh start.

While reflecting on the previous year, I remembered my fitness goals, growing closer to God, and grieving loved ones, including Dr. Pat Robertson. As I replaced my calendar, I felt a renewal while thinking of 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT): *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!*

When we belong to Christ, our old life fades as we renew our relationship with Him through nurturing and growth.

Although we may repeat old habits, Scripture encourages us to start anew in Christ. Isaiah 43:18-19 says, *But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.*

Despite the previous year's unmet resolutions, God wants to do new things in your life. Whether you enter this year with joy or apprehension, let hope arise as God leads you into the new. Then you can shout, "New year, new me!"



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THE WISE *Still* SEEK HIM

By Andrew Burditt

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The 2024 Christmas season has come and gone. Presents have been exchanged, the turkey has been enjoyed, and many have travelled far and wide to spend time with family and those they love. The tree is down, the decorations have been put away, and if you're on top of things, you've even managed to get your outside lights taken down!

Christians around the world gathered on Christmas Eve at carol services, and that sense of anticipation that comes with the Advent season has been realized as we welcomed the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There is no doubt that for many, January might feel like a letdown with people asking themselves, "What comes next?"

Some may go on vacation, most will clean up from the holidays, just about everyone will rest, and far too many people will be left with credit card bills to be paid for their Christmas season.

Surely there must be more?

For those of us who are followers of Jesus and people of great faith, that wonderful sense of anticipation and wonderment that accompanies the Christmas season continues.

January 6 is an important date on the Christian calendar and marks the celebration of Epiphany. It is on this day that we commemorate the visit of the Magi, otherwise known as the three kings or wise men. If you look at Christmas decorations, and particularly Nativity scenes, you will almost always see them included. However, if you read Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV), it states that **after Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea**, meaning that their visit took place some time later. Regardless of their exact time, these Magi knew the prophecies of Jesus, were astronomers, and were called to go and find Him, to seek Him, and ultimately, to worship Him.



This would have been a long journey that was most likely difficult and potentially even dangerous, but they were still compelled to take that risk to see the Son of God. If we were faced with the same decision, would we take that trip and accept the difficulties and risks that came with it?

The wonderful thing about today is that for most people, there is no danger or risk in a life with Jesus. We can worship the Son of God exactly where we are and invite Him into our lives simply by admitting that we need Him and asking Him to lead our lives. It is as easy as a conversation, but one that comes with an incredible life-changing experience.

Isaiah 55:6 tells us to **seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.** We are encouraged to seek Him now, without waiting, but no journey is needed as He is already with us.

What a tremendous promise and gift that is! As you begin 2025, know that He loves you, wants to be in your life, and as the saying goes, "Wise men still seek Him!"

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New Year, New Mercies

by EMILY JAMES

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As we step into a new year, it's a perfect time to reflect on the fresh start God offers us. Sometimes, the weight of life can feel overwhelming, especially as another year approaches. But through Christ, true freedom from carrying burdens is available by experiencing God's new mercies each day.

In Lamentations 3:19-24 (ESV), Jeremiah speaks from a place of deep sorrow yet clings to hope. He carries the weight of life and yet surrenders to the mercy of God and finds restoration. Verse 22 says, **The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end.**

Jeremiah's words remind us that each day of the new year brings fresh mercies from God. No matter how hard yesterday was, today is a new opportunity to experience His love. When we focus on His mercies, we start to see our burdens in a different light, and the ability to move forward with hope.

We see Jeremiah also finds freedom in reflecting on God's faithfulness. Life's challenges will come, but God's faithfulness never changes. Remembering how He's carried us before helps us trust that He'll do it again.

Finally, Jeremiah clings to the hope that **the LORD is my portion** (v. 24). God is enough. He is our security and peace. In Him, our future is secure, no matter what lies ahead.

This new year, may we embrace God's new mercies, steady faithfulness, and all-sufficient presence. Every day is a chance to experience His freedom anew.

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THE PRAYER THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING

When 12-year-old Yoshua went to get a snack, no one expected that the healthy young boy would suffer cardiac arrest. His heart stopped for 10 minutes, and it didn't look like there was any hope. Then, his father prayed over him. You won't believe what happened next.



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Matika didn't realize how expensive it would be to leave her abusive marriage. After racking up thousands of dollars of debt in legal fees, she was met with a new challenge—a cancer diagnosis. But she decided to try a strategy that made all the difference. Be sure to watch her incredible journey to health and financial freedom.

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TRUST GOD FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE



by GORDON ROBERTSON
President and CEO, CBN



As we go along in life, it's easy to become set in our ways and limit our expectations. But as this new year dawns, let's be open to everything that God has for us!

Jeremiah 32:17 declares, *Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.*

And Jesus tells us in Mark 10:27, *"With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible."*

Right now, we are entering an era of extraordinary possibilities with new media and technology. It's incredible to think about the many ways we can implement these wonderful new tools to preach the Gospel—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people, as Revelation 14:6 says.

As I was considering all of this recently, a picture came to mind in which I was standing on a riverbank trying to figure out how to cross to the other side. Then another image came to mind—that of an eagle soaring high

overhead, never worried about crossing a river.

There's a great temptation to look at things in the natural. But we need to remember that God made the heavens and the earth, and with Him, nothing is impossible.

So what is your concern today? Jesus has made a way for you, and He will see you through. Turn to Him in faith. Ask Him to remove all doubt and unbelief. Invite Him to breathe His inspiration into your heart. Then trust Him to fill you with His courage and boldness.

Isaiah 40:31 promises, *Those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles.* And Ephesians 2:6 says we are *in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.*

When we are with Jesus up in the spiritual realm, then truly all things are possible. God bless you!

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