Pressing On

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What is your definition of a good year?

Your definition of a good year will have a dramatic impact on your life.

Christ Follower's Expectations for 2019.

• There will be trouble. (Genesis 3:16-19, Romans 3:23)

Genesis 3:16-19

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<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,
    "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
      in pain you shall bring forth children.
    Your desire shall be contrary to your husband,
      but he shall rule over you."
   <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said,
    "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
      and have eaten of the tree
    of which I commanded you,
      'You shall not eat of it,'
    cursed is the ground because of you;
      in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
   thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
      and you shall eat the plants of the field.
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face
      you shall eat bread,
    till you return to the ground,
      for out of it you were taken;
    for you are dust,
      and to dust you shall return."
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²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ESV

 God's grace will get you through the year as you turn to Him. (Ephesians 2:8-9, Philippians 4:12-13)

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ESV

Philippians 4:12-13

¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ESV

• Your plans will change. (Proverbs 16:9)

Proverbs 16:9

⁹ The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.

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Church in the Valley Plans for 2018

- Vision Frame Process for Church in the Valley
- Find a New Pastor for the Church in the Valley Alhambra Campus
- Establish and send a launch team to start a church in North Fontana

What really happened in 2018

- Completed the Vision Frame Process for Church in the Valley
- Found a New Pastor for CIV Alhambra Campus
- Moved Sunday Service Location for CIV Diamond Bar Ontario Ranch
- Moved CIV Offices from Chino to Ontario
- Over 10+ families moved
- Established and sent the launch team to start Ridgeview Church
- God takes care of your needs as you seek His Kingdom. (Matthew 6:33)

³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.
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• The church community will encourage you. (Hebrews 3:13)

Hebrews 3:13

- ¹³ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness NIV 1984
 - God will work through you as you submit to Him. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

2 Corinthians 5:18–20

¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. NIV 1984

A good year comes as you press on in your relationship with God. (Philippians 3:14)

Philippians 3:14

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. ESV

My Next Step today is to...

Meet up to talk with someone about beginning a relationship with Christ
Memorize: Philippians 3:14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which
God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.
Join a Sunday Service Team