



A GOOD YEAR

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Main Points

We all hope 2021 will be better than 2020... but what if it's not.

An arbitrary number on a calendar isn't going to change our current reality.

No matter what year it is... life is hard.

2021 won't be a complete reset, but it can be a new beginning.

Jesus came back to life to give us a new life.

A Jesus Follower's hope for the future allows them to enjoy today.

Real hope allows us to persevere in the real world.

It's only wishful thinking if there's no proof.

Jesus' resurrection is proof that our current life is not our final life.

Faith= a trust that inspires action.

We can use life's difficulties to make life better for others NOW.

3 choices to make 2021 a new beginning...

- See reality for what it is
- Trust Jesus for who he is
- Make this world better than it is

When we turn every difficulty into an opportunity to trust Jesus, every difficulty is an opportunity for a new beginning.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you feel about the "New Year" as a holiday? Why is that?
2. Read 2 Cor 5:15-21. In your own words, what do you think this says about Jesus followers? How do you feel about that?
3. Jon encouraged us to "see reality for what it is, trust Jesus for who he is, and work with Jesus to make this world better than it is." What does that look like for you moving forward and how can your group pray for you in this?

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Recommended Reading:

- [John 8:12-20, 1 Peter 2:9-10](#)

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