

HINDSIGHT IS 2020

PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14

I. Look back at 2020 and _____ who you've been.

*Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect,
but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. v. 12*

ANGRY	FEARFUL	ALONE	RESIGNED
BITTER	CONFUSED	DEPRESSED	ANXIOUS
IMPATIENT	INTOLERANT	UNAFFECTED	IMPULSIVE

Do you like who you've _____, because you don't have to stay the same?

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

II. Adjust your _____ so you don't remain stuck where you are.

*Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind ... v. 13a*

What's one thing you need to let go of and _____ behind in 2020?

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely,
and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith ... Hebrews 12:1-2a*

III. Press on toward the _____ of knowing and being used by Christ.

*... and straining forward to what lies ahead ... I press on toward the goal
for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. vv. 13b-14*

What's one area you need to get in step with Christ to live _____ in 2021?

*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent,
I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,
and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction,
but of your salvation, and that from God. Philippians 1:27-28*

LOVE	JOY	PEACE	PATIENCE	KINDNESS
GOODNESS	FAITHFULNESS	GENTLENESS	SELF-CONTROL	

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

SPIRITUAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT

STEP 1: Reflect on where you are in your spiritual journey as of today. Circle the appropriate number answer for each question, then tally up the total in each of Christ Chapel's Five Purposes. Don't forget to pray, and be as honest as possible. 1 = needs attention 3 = inconsistent 5 = developing well

WORSHIP: You were planned for God's pleasure

1. I regularly participate in a weekend worship service. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Each time I participate in a weekend worship service, I am an active worshiper. 1 2 3 4 5
3. In faith I seek to surrender every area of my life to God (relationships, decisions, health, finances, etc.). 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am experiencing more of the peace of God in my everyday life. 1 2 3 4 5

WORSHIP total: _____

CONNECT: You were formed for God's family

1. I feel a need to be in community with other believers on a consistent basis. 1 2 3 4 5
2. One of my high priorities is to regularly and actively participate in a small group of some kind, even in these difficult days. 1 2 3 4 5
3. I am willing to let my guard down and share my real needs for prayer and support with others. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am resolving conflict constructively and am willing to forgive others from my heart. 1 2 3 4 5

CONNECT total: _____

GROW: You were created to become like Christ

1. I have a growing relationship with God through the habits of consistent time in the Bible and prayer. 1 2 3 4 5
2. I experience more of the characteristics of Jesus Christ (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.). 1 2 3 4 5
3. I avoid addictive behaviors (food, television, busyness, etc.) to meet my needs. 1 2 3 4 5
4. The time I spend with my friends challenges my desire for spiritual growth. 1 2 3 4 5

GROW total: _____

SERVE: You were shaped for serving God

1. I have discovered and am further developing my unique God-given S.H.A.P.E.* for ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
2. I regularly ask God to show me opportunities to serve Him and others. 1 2 3 4 5
3. As circumstances allow, I serve in a church or community ministry. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am a "team player" in my small group or Adult Bible Fellowship class by sharing some group role or responsibility. 1 2 3 4 5

SERVE total: _____

SHARE: You were made for a mission

1. I cultivate relationships with non-Christians and ask God for ways to share His love. 1 2 3 4 5
2. I regularly pray for opportunities to share the gospel with neighbors or co-workers. 1 2 3 4 5
3. I regularly invite unchurched or unconnected friends to worship with me on Sunday. 1 2 3 4 5
4. I pray and learn about what role God would have me fill in cross-cultural missions. 1 2 3 4 5

SHARE total: _____

STEP 2: Review the results. What did you learn about your spiritual walk as it is today? In which of the five purposes are you relatively strong? Which purpose needs some work? What's an area that might be of interest to you? Pause here to ask God which of the five purposes He'd want you to develop over the next six months.

*S.H.A.P.E. is an acronym for **S**piritual gifts, **H**eart for ministry, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality and **L**ife Experiences. CCBC offers a class called *Created for Action* through our online Center for Christian Growth that uses this ministry assessment. See more at www.ccbcfamily.org/ccg.

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of *The Source* at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

CONNECTING POINT MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 10 AT 11 A.M.

New-ish to Christ Chapel? At Connecting Point you'll get to know all about the church and how we're here to help you grow in your faith. Plus, you'll get to know other people new to CCBC and different ways to get connected right away. Sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/cp.

JOIN A HOME GROUP TODAY!

We're getting ready to start a brand-new series in Nehemiah and the very best way to experience it is in community with a home group. This winter, groups are meeting in a variety of ways. If you prefer online, we've got it. Wish you could meet spaced out in person? We've got groups like that, too. This is the perfect time to try the home group experience and see what everyone's been talking about. You can head to the Welcome Desk or www.ccbcfamily.org/homegroups to sign up today.

GUYS, BE A PART OF BAND OF BROTHERS BEGINNING THURSDAY, JAN. 14.

Knowing Jesus changes everything. That's why this winter Men's Ministry is continuing its study of Jesus in the Gospel of John. If you're new to Band of Brothers, there are a few options for how to join based on what's most comfortable for you amidst COVID-19. Visit www.ccbcfamily.org/ events to learn about the online and in-person lecture options, as well as how small groups are gathering.

LADIES, PUT YOURSELF IN COMMUNITY AT WOMEN IN THE WORD.

Starting on Thursday, Jan. 14 is "Jesus—The Word: A Study of the Gospel of John." With other women in all different seasons of life, you'll spend time really getting to know Jesus through His compassionate conversations, personal prayers, friendships and miraculous work. The study is meeting online this winter. Learn more and sign up at www.ccbcfamily.org/women.

SAVE SATURDAY, JAN. 16 FOR WOMEN'S WINTER MORNING OF PRAYER.

There's no better way to start the year than a morning of prayer. Join us for some socially-distant worship and a testimony on prayer. Afterward you'll get to spread out on your own, pray and spend time with Jesus. You can join us at either the Fort Worth Campus or West Campus—both will be hosting Winter Morning of Prayer from 9 a.m. to noon—but please sign up ahead of time at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

APPLY FOR THRIVE AND GROW THIS YEAR.

Have you been facing fears, struggles or other issues these past few months? Thrive may be your next right thing in 2021. It's a discipleship experience that helps you get to the roots of sin and suffering in your life, and embrace the freedom and redemption found only in Jesus. Learn more about the experience, which includes daily Bible study, a small group community and mentoring, and apply at www.ccbcfamily.org/thrive.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.

The process is quick and easy—just text "CCBCFW" to 77977 to get started.

"I do not advise that we end the year on a somber note. The march, not the dirge, has ever been the music of Christianity.

If we are good students in the school of life, there is much that the years have to teach us. But the Christian is more than a student, more than a philosopher. He is a believer, and the object of his faith makes the difference, the mighty difference. Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source. In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation."

A. W. TOZER