First Baptist Church - Odessa

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Date:			

"Change Your Life God's Way"

"iChurch 40-Day Challenge - Pt. 2

Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 10:19-25 & Selected

The only way to truly change your life for the better is to change it God's way!

To Change My Life God's Way...

I. I will practice the intentional pursuit of God all year long!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Vs. 33

In 2018 I Will Intentionally Pursue God...

- 1. By making weekly worship attendance a high priority.
- 2. By participating in a LifeGroup discipleship community.
- 3. By praying for Odessa, Permian Basin, and the entire World.
- 4. By sacrificing my finances to advance God's Kingdom.
- 5. By reading the entire bible in a year.
- 6. By learning to share my faith with others.
- 7. By spending 2% or more of my year on-mission for God.

II. I will draw near to God with a confident faith!

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." Hebrews 10:22

III. I will cling to my hope in God with an unwavering faith!

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

An Unwavering Faith...

1) Withstands the test and comes forth stronger.

See James 1:2-4

2) Overcomes a weak mind and rests on a strong confession.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7 KJV

3) Looks the enemy in the eye and stands firm.

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

Ephesians 6:13

4) Rests on the faithful promises of God always!

"For all God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for His glory." 2 Corinthians 1:20 NLT

IV. I will make weekly worship attendance the primary expression of my faith!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

Keys to Making Worship Attendance a Habit in 2018:

- 1. Make an intentional decision and plan!
- 2. Say "No" to Satan's temptations and lies!
- 3. See the church for what it truly is!

"One beggar telling another beggar where to find bread!"

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