



**“Keep Your Eyes Ahead”
Special Message**

Introduction: New Year’s Resolutions

Moses

1.) God chooses to focus on our potential, not our failures.

Jeremiah 31:34b, ...for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Genesis 8:1, But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the Ark.

David

1 Samuel 13:14b, David, “The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart...”

Matthew 1:6b, And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah

2 Samuel 12:13, David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.”

2.) God’s love is greater than our shortcomings.

Lamentations 3:22-23, The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Hebrews 12:6a, For the Lord disciplines the one he loves...”

Peter

3.) Place your trust in Jesus, not your performance.

Romans 8:1, There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Paul

4.) To be in Christ is to be a new creation.

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

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1.) What did you find new, helpful, or confusing about today's message?
- 2.) Do you generally make New Year's Resolutions? Why or why not?
- 3.) What's something you're looking forward to in the next year?
- 4.) Out of Moses, David, Peter, and Paul who do you identify with the most?
 - 4a.) Who do you identify with the least?
- 4.) What does it mean to be a new creation in Christ? Why is this significant?
- 5.) How do you want to see your faith grow in this New Year?
 - 5a.) What steps will you take to accomplish this?