

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Your Best Year Yet

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
January 2, 2022
Happy New Year!



Maximizing Spiritual Growth = A Faithful, Fruitful, & Fulfilled Life.

What will it take to maximize your spiritual growth this year?

- **Be Faithful to Maximize your Gifts.**

2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NLT) “I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. ⁶This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

- **Be Faithful to Share Christ Boldly.**

2 Timothy 1:8 (NLT) “So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.”

- **Be Faithful in the Midst of Suffering.**

2 Timothy 1:8b (NLT) “And don’t be ashamed of me, either, even though I’m in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.”

- **Be Faithful to Guard the Truth in Love.**

2 Timothy 1:13-14 (NLT) “Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.”

John 14:6 (NLT) “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father apart from me.”

Big Idea: Maximize your spiritual growth, as you trust in the Faithful One.

2 Timothy 1:9-12 (NLT) For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus. ¹⁰And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Saviour. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News. ¹¹And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News. That is why I am suffering here in prison. ¹²But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

- **We are trophies of grace.**

- **We have been given life not death.**

- **We have been chosen for a purpose.**

- **We have been given a Spirit of power, love, and self-discipline (sound mind).**

- **We can trust God because He is faithful even when we are not.**

2 Timothy 2:13 (NLT) “If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.”

What steps will you take in 2022 to maximize your spiritual growth?

- **Commit to grow in God’s Word daily.**

- **Commit to serve with your Church family. serve@sequoiachurch.org**

- **Commit to engage with an Impact Community.**

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