



Marno Jansen shared a significant word for this year, titled **“Jesus, Our Unrivaled Reward”**

What is your one focus this year? What is the one thing you want to pursue before every other goal? The one thing that will make this year one of growth and success?

What if, ahead of all other goals, you choose to delight in and pursue Jesus?

We all love to make new year resolutions. We lay out goals that we can achieve to be able to look back and delight in a successful year. What if this year your one goal is to pursue Jesus? A year spent pursuing Jesus will surely be a year well spent - full of growth and breakthrough. And even if the breakthrough and blessing don't come - Jesus is enough.

Matt 13v44

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”

The man in this parable is full of joy when he obtains the treasure, even though he sold everything else. He knew he got a bargain! He knew the worth of the treasure far outweighed all he owned. **Jesus is worth giving it all for.** He gave it all for us! He is our **reward.** There is no better goal to have for this year, than to make Jesus your focus and reward.

Gen 15v1

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

Gen 22v9-18 tells us the story of Abraham and Isaac, the promised son, going up the mountain. It's the story of a man who was willing to put God above all else. Isaac was Abraham's delight, the son God promised he would have. Despite this, Abraham still knew that God was his reward, before Isaac. God never intended Abraham to sacrifice his son, but to settle something in his heart.

Heb 12v2

“For the joy set before him he endured the cross...”

As much as Jesus is our reward, we are his. You are His joy. You are the treasure hidden in the field that Jesus paid it all for (Matt 13). It is important to know and believe that Jesus sees you as a reward worth dying for. He finds delight in you everyday. Delight in him also.

Spurgeon said: *‘Again, He delights in me. I speak to such as to whom this can be supposed. Think what He is, and what you are, and at once both wonder and yield.’*

Reflection:

1. Take a moment to sit and delight in Jesus. Worship him for who he is and allow him to speak to you. He also delights in you.
2. What if nothing else comes from this year but your pursuit of Jesus? What would your year look like?