

All Things Good

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

There are two reasons why we never begin the process of renewal and change:

1. We hate our failure.

Failure is not the opposite of success but a part of success.

Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again.

New Year's and new beginnings presents an opportunity.

How many of us have given up on our stories way too soon because failure closed chapters in your life rather than help you write new ones?

2. We hate weakness.

By choosing not to change we choose to settle.

We were created to do good things and new things.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [a] 2 The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. 4 And God saw that the light was good. Then he separated the light from the darkness.

—Genesis 1:1-4 NLT

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

—2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT

Your greatest limitation is God's greatest opportunity.

And we know that God causes everything to work together[a] for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. 29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn[b] among many brothers and sisters. 30 And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

—Romans 8:28-30

God knows exactly who you are v.29

God has chosen you despite you v.30

God has set you apart for success v.30

How many times have you missed what was possible because you have focused on what was missing?

8 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. 9 Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. 10 That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

—2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Your greatest limitation is God's greatest opportunity because that is what failure is ... an opportunity. It's not an opportunity to prove who you are to God but an opportunity

for God to show you who He is.

Revelation is a divine disclosure. It's God revealing truth that is life changing.

31 What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? 32 Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? 33 Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. 34 Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? 36 (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep." [o]) 37 No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[p] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. 39 No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:31-38

You're one move away from starting something new!