

HINDSIGHT

PRECEPT

JOHN 13:1-17

¹It was just before the Passover celebration. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; ⁴so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"...

PROMISE

The best way to start a new year is to end the previous year the right way. Having the right understanding of why things happened this year, then we will have the right attitude as we welcome the new year. We can have the assurance that whatever happens this year, God will work it all for our good, as long as we align our hearts to His. God's faithfulness is new every morning and every single year. It's easy to thank God for the good things that happened this year, but what about the bad things that happened to you this year?

Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every single day. Tough times in life can shape you for the better. Failures and mistakes can help you become stronger, smarter, and wiser. Storms of life can be an opportunity to see and experience God's power. You can turn your problems into progress, your fears into faith. It's all about perspective. Let's learn from Jesus Himself. Jesus knew that His stay on earth was almost done, yet His perspective is so amazing. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. He knew that the hour had come and that His disciples will betray, deny, and doubt Him. Jesus knew that he will be tortured and persecuted to the point of Death on the cross, yet with the right perspective, He chose to wash their feet as a form of His love and appreciation for their years of service. Despite of knowing that He will be betrayed, denied, doubted, and disowned. He still appreciates their service and partnership for the past 3 years they were together. because Jesus is confident about how the story will end. Jesus knows that He will leave Earth victoriously. Just like Jesus, that must be our attitude as we end 2024 and welcome 2025. This year may not be good, but Jesus is not done yet with you. Only this year is ending, but His love for you continues in the years to come. 2024 may be the most challenging year for you, but remember, God got you through. And next year, He'll continue to guide you, strengthen you, and fight for you. The best way to anticipate great things in 2025 is to appreciate what happened in 2024. Let us welcome the new year with the right attitude because God is faithful.

PRACTICE

1. Appreciate & anticipate. What did you appreciate this year? What are you anticipating for the next year?

2. Starting at the end. What is one thing that you want to start doing in the new year? How can we encourage and pray for you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Growth

- May He guide us as we seek to grow in faith and character, and to learn from Christ.

II. Unity

- May God's love bind us all, fostering understanding and compassion among us.

III. Courage

- Pray that God give us discerning hearts to know His will and the courage to obey it.

IV. Lost

- Pray that we will be the source of God's light to those who are lost and in need of Him.

V. Church

- Pray that the church will be an ambassador of God's love and grace to all.

VI. Members

- Pray for the spiritual maturity of each of our members.

VII. Community

- Pray for our community to know Christ fully and deeply.