

REFOCUSING OUR HEARTS

PRECEPT

Matthew 6:33

³³ Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and He will give you everything you need.

PROMISE

Reset doesn't erase the past. It brings our lives back under God's lordship. When we reset, we don't change God—we change His place in our lives. We live in a world that pulls our attention: notifications, deadlines, family pressures, and financial stress. Even the ministry and church can distract us. Most of us didn't drift from God on purpose; we drifted gradually. We still believe, show up, and love God, but our focus has shifted. That's why we don't need guilt—we need a reset. Not to start over, but to realign what has slowly shifted out of place.

In Matthew, Jesus says, "seek." He's talking about intentional pursuit; this isn't passive faith—this is deliberate focus. It's choosing God again and again, even when life is busy and uncertain. And when He says "first," He's referring to order, because order matters. What comes first shapes what follows. And when God is first, he doesn't just become part of your life—he becomes the centre from which everything else takes its place. Put God first, and everything else falls into place.

This isn't about guilt or about trying harder. This is about realignment; reset begins the moment we say, "God, You are first again." God has not abandoned you. If you seek Him first—He will rebuild what was shaken. He will restore what was unstable. He will reset the foundations of your life. When God resets your foundation, your life may not become perfect, but it becomes secure. When you seek Him first, God will give this year to you.

PRACTICE

1. **Reset.** Where do you need to refocus your time? attention? thoughts? dependence? trust?
2. **Heart Check.** What is one practical step you can take this week to make seeking Him a higher priority? And how can we pray/encourage you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. New year

- Pray that our year may be filled with God's outpouring blessings peace, and love.

II. Direction

- Seek the Lord for guidance, and divine wisdom as we set our goals this year.

III. Dreams

- May God give us guidance and wisdom in achieving our goals and dreams.

IV. Peace

- May the Lord grant us peace, and guide our steps in the way of peace.

V. Hope

- Pray that God may fill our hearts with hope and light, even in the darkest times.

VI. Strength

- Pray that He may give us the strength we need in our everyday lives.

VII. Growth

- Pray for growth; in faith become rooted in love and all aspects of our lives.