

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOW SHIP

New YEAR's: The Undiscovered Country

What does the future hold?
What do I want for this year?
What do I want for my life?
Do I have purpose?

To be or not to be?
Shakespeare's Hamlet mused about his purpose and value.
Nearly 2500 years earlier Solomon questioned the purpose of a seemingly unending cycle of vaporous existence. (Ecclesiastes)

Is this all that I am? Is there nothing more?

Hamlet described death as the Undiscovered Country. The same can be said of the future.

Although history tends to repeat itself, whether we learn from it or not, we are the unique element of history.

What are you going to do with the time that is given to you?

Fear is an ever-present temptation for both death and the future
Fear that things could get worse (panic).
Fear that things could stay the same (hopelessness).

This gives rise to compromise.
For the greater good I must do things I normally wouldn't...shouldn't
We aren't as smart as we think we are (Prov 16:25, 12:15)
Don't settle for being less than (1 Cor 9:24-27)

We have a future and a purpose (Luke 10:25-28)
God has a plan for us, but it is on His terms (James 4:13-17)
When we die, we have a heavenly future (2 Cor 5:1-8)
But while you're here help others into the new life. (2 Cor 5:9-21)
Even though it may be rough for a time (2 Cor 6:1-10)
Learn and embrace God's gift of contentment (Phil 4:11-14, Heb 13:5-6)

Choose this **YEAR**

Yes to God.

The implication is that you are listening to Him (Is 6:8, 1 Sam 3:10, 1 Kings 19:11-12)

Enjoy God and what He is doing in your life.

The implication is you are reflecting on the things that God has done and looking forward to what He will do.

Acknowledge what He has done and Who He is through prayer to Him and testimony to others (Acts 4:18-21)

Relate to others. Read the stories of those who have gone before you. Talk about what you are going through with other believers. Share with the unsaved.

(1 Cor 6:9-11)

Don't fear what's to come this year, make it a **GIFTS YEAR**.

Give Invite Fellowship Think Share

Yes Enjoy Acknowledge Relate