

Word for 2019 – From Surviving to Thriving
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Jeremiah 29:11-13 / Jeremiah 33:3

I. Each New Year brings a NEW START

- A. For many it is cleaning out the closet and files and getting rid of 2018 stuff to make ROOM for 2019 stuff
- B. For others it is reflecting on the past and resolving a better tomorrow – New Year’s Resolutions
- C. Whatever your approach, one thing is sure, the **OLD has ENDED**

Barbara Wentroble - *You must know when old things no longer work. So, let go and shake off the old, and position yourself for a fresh start. Be thankful for the old season. Rehearse the blessings, remember the prophetic promises of God, and be grateful to God for all His blessings. But then, set your heart from what was good to what is great!*

II. In 2019, I see us being repositioned for THRIVING

- A. We have been **TRIED** and **TESTED** in **2018**, and we have walked out our assignment as faithfully as we know how
 - 1. We have **grown** in **SPIRITUAL STRENGTH**
 - 2. We have **grown** in **CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT**
 - 3. We have **become healthier** in our **SOULS**
 - 4. We have grown in **VICTORY** with **HEALTH ISSUES**

We have **FOUGHT** the **GOOD FIGHT** to **SURVIVE**, **BUT NOW** we must **CONTEND** to **THRIVE**

We must **MOVE OUT** of **SURVIVAL MODE** and **SHIFT** into the **VICTORY-OVERCOMING MODE**

I don't **KNOW ABOUT YOU**, but for **ME** this speaks of a **NEW START**

B. It **BEGINS** with *Jeremiah 29:11*

1. Key WORDS:

a. *Know – yada – intimate, eternal knowledge*

1. Every **INTIMATE** detail of your past, present, and future

b. *Thoughts – mahashaba – plans*

c. *Think – hashab – devise* (put into motion)

d. *Peace – welfare / safety / prosperity / good health*

The Father has **NO PLANS** for you to **SUFFER CALAMITY** or **DISTRESS**

e. *Expected – a waited-for hope*

f. *End – future of time*

Waiting with **EXPECTANT HOPE** is one of the **GREATEST EXPRESSIONS** of **FAITH**. It will **ALWAYS** be **REQUIRED** when the **PROMISES** of **GOD** are **GIVEN** to **YOU**

THAT SAID, there is also a **SET TIME** in the **ETERNAL yada** of **GOD** when the **PROMISES** must **MANIFEST**

I AM BELIEVING that **2019** is **SUCH A SET TIME!!**

III. FATHER is very **INTENTIONAL** about **YOU!**

Intentional - by conscious design or purpose - done or made or performed with purpose and intent

A. He has **INTENTIONAL PLANS** for **YOU!!**

1. **Plans** for **YOUR WELFARE**

**Good Health / Happy Home / Thriving business / Joy filled life / Strong spirit
and peaceful soul / Success in Life**

2. Plans for your GREATER PURPOSE

**These plans are INTENTIONAL in the HEART of GOD and to HAVE THEM
they must BECOME INTENTIONAL within YOU**

Father is **CALLING YOU** into **YOUR INTENTIONAL DESTINY**

B. Promises NEVER MANIFEST without a FIGHT

As you **MOVE** toward the **PROMISES of GOD**, you **WILL CONTEND** for
THEM

You **cannot afford** to let **RESISTANCE** convince you that you are **OFF
TRACK** in your **PROMISED PURPOSE**

1. You must SETTLE INSIDE that Father is GOOD

Your Father **LOVES YOU** and only **WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU**

**2. His THOUGHTS about you, in HIS HEART, are already
MANIFESTED**

**And FOR YOU TO HAVE the TANGIBLE MANIFESTATION of HIS
THOUGHT PROMISES, YOU MUST CONTEND FOR THEM**

For **EACH PROMISE of GOD**, you will **FACE RESISTANCE** to **CONVINCE
YOU** that **God** is a **LIAR**

IV. What does that mean for YOU and ME in 2019?

THIS: WE MUST STEP INTO HIS INTENTIONAL DESIRES FOR US

A. INTENTIONAL SEEKING

*Vs 12-13 Then shall will call upon Me, and come and pray to me, and I WILL
LISTEN TO YOU. And you will SEEK ME and FIND ME, when you search for*

me with ALL YOUR HEART. And I will be FOUND BY YOU, declares the Lord.
(NASB)

1. **In 2019**, you must **PRESS THROUGH** the **TESTING** and **SEEK** a **HIGHER ORDER PATHWAY** to **ATTAIN** the **PROMISES**
2. You must **RELENTLESSLY PURPOSE** that you **WILL HAVE** your **PROMISES REALIZED**;

You **MUST RELEASE FAITH-FILLED DECLARATIONS** that you **WILL SEE** the **MANIFESTATIONS** and **RESIST** the **HUMAN EMOTIONS** which will work to **DERAIL** and **ROB YOU** of Father's **BEST and HIGHEST**

3. It is the **YEAR** to **CONQUER FEAR, ANXIETY**, and **DRAMA** that only serve to **DISTRACT** and **DESTROY**

I am **CONFIDENT** that if **YOU INTENTIONALLY SEEK** the **WISDOM, STRATEGY**, and **TRUST** of the **FATHER**, then you **WILL SEE VICTORIES**

B. INTENTIONAL FAITH – BELIEVE and DECLARE and NEVER LET GO of the PROMISED WORDS

1. **BE WILLING** to **STEP OUT** and **TAKE the RISK** to **BELIEVE**
 - a. When the **MANNA STOPPED**, **FAITH** was **REQUIRED** to **ADVANCE** to **VICTORY**
 - b. **fear of failure, making mistakes**, and of **missing God MUST GO!**
2. **GET RID** of **OLD MINDSETS** that **HOLD YOU CAPTIVE**
 - a. Israel could **not advance** under the **Pharaoh** system
 - b. They had to **SHIFT** from a **captiv**e to an **overcomer mindset**
3. **REHEARSE** what Father has **DONE** for you in the **PAST**

How He has **LED YOU, CARRIED YOU, and DELIVERED YOU** in the **PAST**

He will **DO THE SAME** in the **ADVANCE of 2019**

C. INTENTIONAL PRAYER

1. Precision **TARGETING** of our **PRAYERS** over the **PROMISES**
2. Praying **MORE** in **TONGUES** to **BUILD** the **SPIRIT MAN**
3. Becoming **STRONG** in the **SPIRIT** without being **MEAN**
4. Seeking the **STRATEGIES** of the **SPIRIT**

D. INTENTIONAL GIVING – Liberating yourself from the **POVERTY MINDSET**

1. **BEING MINDFUL** of **WHY** and **HOW** you **GIVE**

E. INTENTIONAL LOVE in RELATIONSHIPS

1. **Patience** – Being undergirded with **HIS** strength when under fire
2. **Kindness** – Praise and Encouragement and looking for the good in others
3. **Humility** – Being authentic without pretense or arrogance
4. **Respectfulness** – Treating others as you would like to be
5. **Selflessness** – Meeting the needs of others, even when it means to sacrifice your own
6. **Forgiveness** – Giving up resentment when wronged
7. **Honesty** – Being free from deception

8. **Commitment** – remaining faithful to your life choices

V. Keep the LARGER VIEW in your FOCUS

A. It is a **YEAR** to **WAR** for **FREEDOM**

1. For **PEOPLE**

2. For **PLACES**

3. For **THINGS**

4. For **NATIONS**

B. It is a **YEAR** to be **INTENTIONAL**