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Many of us want 2018 to be different. We truly desire the new year to be better than the one drawing to a close. Some hardships have been products of our own choices, others have come as a result of the choices of others. One thing is for sure, the Lord God is aware and He knows our heart. He is in ultimate control of all things and remembers those who fear Him—those determined to honor His name regardless of their circumstances (Malachi 3:16). What are you resolved to do? Is one of your resolutions to honor God, no matter what happens around you? Jesus said, “God blesses those whose hearts are pure; for they will see God” (Matthew 5:8).

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1. You have a personal invitation to come to the water. “Let anyone who is thirsty come” (Revelation 22:17). The prophet of old declares: “Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money!” (Isaiah 55:1). Jesus shouts to the crowds: “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!” (John 7:37). What keeps you from drinking from living water?

Do you desire living water? It may be that you need to stop looking to the things of this world (dried up wells) and instead, drink from Christ in 2018. He is God and He does not change (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8). That means the Lord’s love for you is unchanging.

2. What about the Lord’s unchanging is specifically good for you during this season of life? Would you be willing to communicate that with someone in need of encouragement? (If so, then do that today! Your obedience will bless them and you.)

When Jesus speaks to the crowds about ‘living water’ He speaks of the Holy Spirit who is given to all who believe in Him (see John 7:39). When you invite Jesus in, His Spirit immediately begins to pour into your heart. It’s important to do whatever it takes to make room for His Spirit. During the exodus, the spiritual Rock that provided true bread and water for Moses and the Hebrews was Christ Himself, according to 1 Corinthians 10:3-4. Let Christ ‘travel’ with you through your day-do-day desert experiences. Remember this world has absolutely nothing substantial to offer you. Only Christ fills our insatiable thirst and cravings.

3. Come to the Word. January is the perfect time to start (or re-start) the One Year Bible. If you have read the OYB, share how you have benefited from God’s Word in you.

The psalmist says, “Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path... The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand” (Psalm 119:105, 130). As we spend time daily in God’s Word, He will reveal more of Himself to us. Some days the readings may be difficult, but stay the course as you seek truth. It is also important to stay connected to your spiritual family through regular worship attendance. Good things happen when you show up! Staying at home is not corporate worship. The Lord wants His children to “Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise” (Psalm 100:4a).

4. How has regular worship attendance made a difference in your life this past year?

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