

# New Journey's

## New Year's

- resolutions
- new day-timer
- goals and plans
- Best of ... Worst of.....

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## #1. Unpacking the Suitcase

- What am I dragging around?
- Don't pack clean over dirty!
- Takes time to stop and do inventory
- What needs to be cleaned up?
  - \* Between God and I\*
  - \*Between Others and I\*

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*“Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me, my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord’, and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” Psalm 32:1-5*

## Simple Thoughts

- a) Full suitcases are heavy and drag us down
- b) Dumping them out exposes all
- c) When we see confess – forgiveness (1 John 1:9)

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*“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy, without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.” Heb 12:14*

## Simple Observations

- a) Intentional Effort Extended
- b) Grace Plays a significant role – God... Us....Others
- c) Can dirty the whole bag

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## #2. Repacking For the Journey

### a) Clear about our destination

*“Above all love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with all the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen.”*      *1 Peter 4:8-11*

- Conformed to the Image of Christ –

- less me more Jesus

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## b) Packing Intentionally

*“How can a man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you O Lord; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” Psalm 119:9-16*

## Three Simple Focus Points For Packing

### 1. ‘Your Word’

- note - not a subjective impression coming to mind
- focus on God’s will revealed in His Word!

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- Begin with 'knowing' God's revelation to us
  - look at the words:
    - commandments, statutes, precepts, decrees
  - 'living according to your word' - truth in action

## 2. 'I Have Hidden'

- *tsaphan* -means hide or store - 30 uses in O.T.
- secondary implication - what is hidden is valuable
- to understand and hide scripture through memorization
- must have truth if you hope to spot the lie!

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## 3. 'In My Heart'

- not memorization for useless repetition
- Heart - place for both thinking and feeling
- treasures stored where they might be considered and felt
- heart is the dictator of actions



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## So What

### 1. We need moments to Stop and Unpack

- is there things between God and I?
- is there issues between others and I/

### 2. We need to repack and continue

- do I know where I am going and what I need
- am I taking the things that are useful?