



# YOU SAY YOU WANT NEW YEARS REVOLUTION

NEW DECISIONS / NEW DIRECTION

**Resolution:** A decision to do or not do something.

**Revolution:** To forcibly/intentionally overthrow the authority that controls our lives.

- A revolution in our lives requires new **leadership** for our lives.

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- Make Jesus the **Lord** of your life.
- Jesus changes the **purpose** of our lives.
- God's purpose for us is to have a **growing faith** in us.

**Faith is:**

- Faith is putting our **confidence** in God though we don't see him or understand his ways.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

- Faith is **acting** in a way that shows my confidence in God.

Dear brothers and sisters, what's the use of saying you have faith if you don't prove it by your actions? That kind of faith can't save anyone! James 2:14

**Different forms of faith:**

- Some have a faith in God that is **dead**.

A dead faith is a belief in God with **no action**.

So then, as the body without the spirit is dead, also **faith without actions is dead**. James 2:26 (GNT)

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:17 (NLT)

A dead faith is lip service without **lifestyle**.

- Some have a faith in God that is **deceived**.

A deceived faith is a belief in God without **trust** in God.

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. James 2:19

A deceived faith has a knowledge about God with **no change** from God.

A deceived faith has an **awareness** of Jesus with **no love** for Jesus.

- Some have a faith that is **dynamic**.

Isn't it obvious that faith and works are yoked partners, that faith expresses itself in works? That the works are "works of faith"? The full meaning of "believe" in the Scripture sentence, "Abraham believed God and was set right with God," includes his action. It's that weave of believing and acting that got Abraham named "God's friend." Is it not evident that a person is made right with God not by a barren faith but by faith fruitful in works? James 2:22-24 (MSG)

A dynamic faith seeks to **please** God.

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

**Choices for a dynamic faith:**

- We choose to live with **love** and **gratitude** for Jesus.

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- We choose to not take God **for granted**.

God made my life complete when I placed all the pieces before him. When I got my act together, he gave me a fresh start. Now I'm alert to God's ways; I don't take God for granted. Every day I review the ways he works; I try not to miss a trick. I feel put back together, and I'm watching my step. God rewrote the text of my life when I opened the book of my heart to his eyes. Psalms 18:20-24 (MSG)

**Application Steps:**

- Decide **now** to choose a dynamic faith!

- Dig deep to **develop** a dynamic faith.

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by God's Word. Romans 10:17

And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. James 1:22-23 (MSG)

- Do **something** with God.



## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

*These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- In your own words, why is a revolutionary life so important?
- Why is it so important to have a growing faith? How does a growing faith contribute to a revolutionary life?
- Discuss the two points under the sub-heading: "Faith is". Give a personal example of your confidence in God and how that affects your actions.
- Discuss the different forms of faith that people have.
- In your own words, talk about some of the choices we need to make to have a dynamic faith.
- How does living with love and gratitude for Jesus cause our faith to grow?
- What are some ways that people take God for granted? How is this detrimental to a growing faith?
- Discuss the application steps and how you personally apply them to your life.

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Growing Faith