

Be It Resolved!
Ephesians Part 16

You were taught in regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Ephesians 4:22-24

I do not believe in “drive-through breakthroughs.” Drive-throughs are great. Yesterday David and I drove through McDonald’s and got a hamburger and fries and coffee for dad. It’s cool how fast you can get a meal. The Kingdom of God is nice to us also. The Lord works in ways that bring favor and blessing to our lives. But when we are looking to go deeper into our understanding of who He is or we want to grow in godly character we are going to find no instant solution. The question I want to ask you is this, where do you want to see a breakthrough in your life? And also this, do you believe that 2010 is the year that you will see this happen?

Last Saturday night I asked the congregation if they made a New Years resolution. I asked for a show of hands if they had made one. Not one person raised their hand. Well, I want to challenge you to make one if not more. Folks, if you aim at nothing you will hit it! We cannot drift through Christianity. We must challenge ourselves. You are the one who governs your soul. The Lord gave it to you. If you do not learn to put off some selfish nature habit that very same selfish nature habit will master you. The Lord’s grace is with you to conquer your flesh, to be made new in the attitudes of your mind and to put on godly character.

Where do you start?! Well, here are some areas that I spoke about last week. Resolve to spend more time with the Lord this year. Find a good meeting place, make the time (schedule it into your busy day) and get out your bible (read, pray, talk to God, listen and worship Him). Resolve to reach one person for the Lord this year. When was the last time you led someone to Christ? Lead a lost soul to Jesus and then disciple them in His ways. Resolve to reach out to the unfortunate. Find some orphanage or an inner city ministry and get involved. Don’t just send your money. Get out of your comfort zone and help someone who is in need. Resolve to make your church a better place. We worship on Saturday nights. Don’t let other things or other people sway you into doing something else. BE IN CHURCH! You are a part of this congregation. Too many New Lifers are getting lackadaisical about consistency. I can tell you that the Lord is not pleased. Attend, come prepared to worship, find an area at New Life where you can serve. And finally, resolve to say “no” to a fleshly habit or temptation. Don’t let another year go by with the same old sinful weight on your back. Throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles you and run with perseverance the race that is marked out for you this year.

Be it resolved! Come on. Talk to that soul of yours, “I resolve to make this year a year of breakthroughs in my life.” Don’t sit around and wait for something to happen. You are responsible for your decisions and consistency. Stop complaining about your troubles. Turn your trials into victories. Make a resolution to change and stick to it!