

# WEEKLY GUIDE

JANUARY 3, 2021

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**ATTEND!**

SUNDAYS  
(IN PERSON OR ONLINE)

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## **BIBLE READINGS:**

Philippians 3:1-14; Galatians 1:6-9; Isaiah 64:6; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17; Job 23:8-12; Psalm 65:11

## **PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14**

*Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

## **ISAIAH 64:6**

*But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is like filthy rags.*

## **EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.*

## **1 THESSALONIANS 4:15-17**

*For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

## **JOB 23:8-12**

*Look, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him; When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him; When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him. But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. My foot has held fast to His steps; I have kept His way and not turned aside. I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.*

## **PSALM 65:11**

*You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance.*

**2**  
**TALK!**

DISCUSS THE  
LESSONS

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**3**  
**PRAY!**

MAKE YOUR  
REQUESTS  
KNOWN TO GOD

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**4**  
**DO!**

PUT THE  
LESSONS INTO  
PRACTICE

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## TIME FOR REFLECTION:

1. Did you take some time to reflect on last week's lesson? How were you able to apply it to your life? Which lessons from the lives of Simeon and Anna did you apply to your life? How did it go?
2. Visit our website and complete your "Hopes and Dreams" list. Seal it in an envelope, address it to yourself, and drop it by the church. It will be mailed back to you at the end of 2021. Another option: Seal it in an envelope and pack it away with your Christmas decorations. When you put your decorations up next year, you can set aside your envelope to open on New Year's eve.
3. Why is it so important to rejoice regardless of what happens during the new year? Why should we adopt a "Rejoice and Press On" attitude? How will you apply "press forward regardless" to your life and circumstances this year?
4. Why is it important to safeguard your faith? What three types of people does Paul warn us about? How does this apply today? How is our faith under siege by those outside the faith today?
5. Why are we told to put no confidence in the flesh? What does it mean to abandon worthless things? How does all of this relate your relationship with Christ? What does it mean to be found in Christ? Where does one's righteousness come from?
6. Why might it be said that Paul's main aim or prayer is to know Christ? Has Paul attained his heart's desire? What two things does Paul do to "press forward regardless?" Why is it important to forget the past and press forward to what is ahead? How will you do this in the year 2021?
7. What impacted you the most from the lesson today? What were your big takeaways? Which one of the lessons applied most to you? How will you put it into practice in your life this week?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Pray that you will press forward regardless of what happens in the year 2021.
2. Pray that our country would turn to God and experience national revival.
3. Pray for the peace and prosperity of our city (Jeremiah 29:7).
4. Pray for our leaders to humble themselves, and pray, and seek God's face (2 Chronicles 7:14).
5. Pray for your neighbors, friends, and families to experience the power of the resurrection.
6. Pray for our community to discover the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus as Lord.
7. Pray that we would abandon worthless things in order to gain Christ.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK:

1. Reach out. Share your faith with others. Encourage and pray for someone.
2. Read God's Word and allow His Spirit to reveal, correct, and encourage you.
3. Practice intentional acts of kindness. Love without hypocrisy. Be merciful!
4. Take time for yourself. Do something that brings you joy. Be thankful!
5. Do something outside your comfort zone. Let God use you this week!
6. Spend time with God in prayer. Let God fill you with His Holy Spirit.
7. Invite someone to church... online or in person!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! MAKE 2021 YOUR BEST YEAR YET!**

