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Background and Context

Lifecentral Church is committed to developing mature Christians who are equipped to represent Jesus well in the world and to advance His kingdom.

“You'll never experience God's purpose for your life if you're distracted by God's purpose for somebody else.”

ANDY STANLEY



Growth however doesn't just happen because we have good intentions – it normally requires us to think and do things differently, as well as addressing any issues that might be holding us back.

Furthermore, we know that life can be messy – we get upset by people; we (un)intentionally do things that cause others to be angry; we can get disappointed – by people, by organisations, by ourselves and sometimes by God! If we don't adequately deal with these issues, they can become weights that we carry around and which impede our growth in the Holy Spirit.

Experience also tells us that it can be very easy to miss what the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives! The people that were most qualified to recognise the Messiah when he came – the Pharisees – largely missed and resisted the greatest history-changing move of God that has ever happened. Unless we slow down and allow the Spirit of God to reveal himself and what he is doing, we, like the Pharisees, can miss what God is doing, especially as God is God and has a habit of surprising us!

'CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD. RENEW A LOYAL SPIRIT WITHIN ME'.

**KING DAVID
PSALM 51:10 (NLT)**

The purpose of these few hours is to create a space for you to:

- Look back at the year just gone and consider what God has been up to in your life.
- Consider whether there are any unresolved issues that you need to pray about and process with the Holy Spirit.
- Sense what God might be calling you to during the year ahead.

We believe this will be a time where the Holy Spirit refreshes and inspires us. Expect to look back on this investment as a time where you did some good business with God and experienced some joy in the process!

Section 1 - Looking Back

Reflect upon the last year of your life... We have all experienced lots of challenges with life in the COVID pandemic. We have all "been in the same storm but are in different boats"; our experience of the year will be very individual. Take some time to think about what are the top 3 things that God has done? Write them down as a memorial of His work in your life and a testimony of His goodness.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What has God been saying to you during 2020?

- Review any journals you kept.
- What have been some key scriptures for you this year?
- Over what issues did you respond for prayer in group situations in 2020?
- Consider any prophetic words you have received.

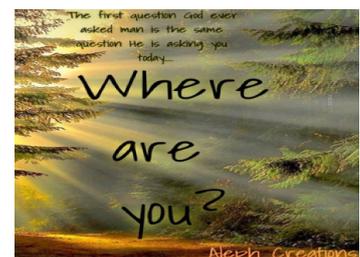
What have been some of the themes God has been impressing upon you?

What could be some of the baggage that you could be carrying with you into the New Year, that God wants you to drop?

What situations stood out to you in this past year where you were hurt or disappointed? Are there people to forgive? What have you learned?

Jesus replied,
'You don't
understand
now what I am
doing, but
someday you
will.'

John 13:7 (NLT)

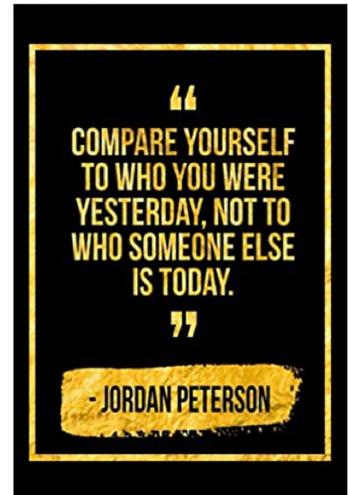


In each of the following areas of your life in 2020, what are you pleased about and what saddens you?

		
The way you've used your money		
Your family relationships		
The way you've treated your body		
Your friends		
Your work		
Your growth		
Your serving		

Section 2 - Looking Forward

What areas do you sense God calling you to “enter in” more fully in 2021?



What do you sense God is calling out of you in 2021?

Where do you feel you need to take more risks in 2021?

Who are the 2-3 people you sense God wants you to reach out to in 2021?

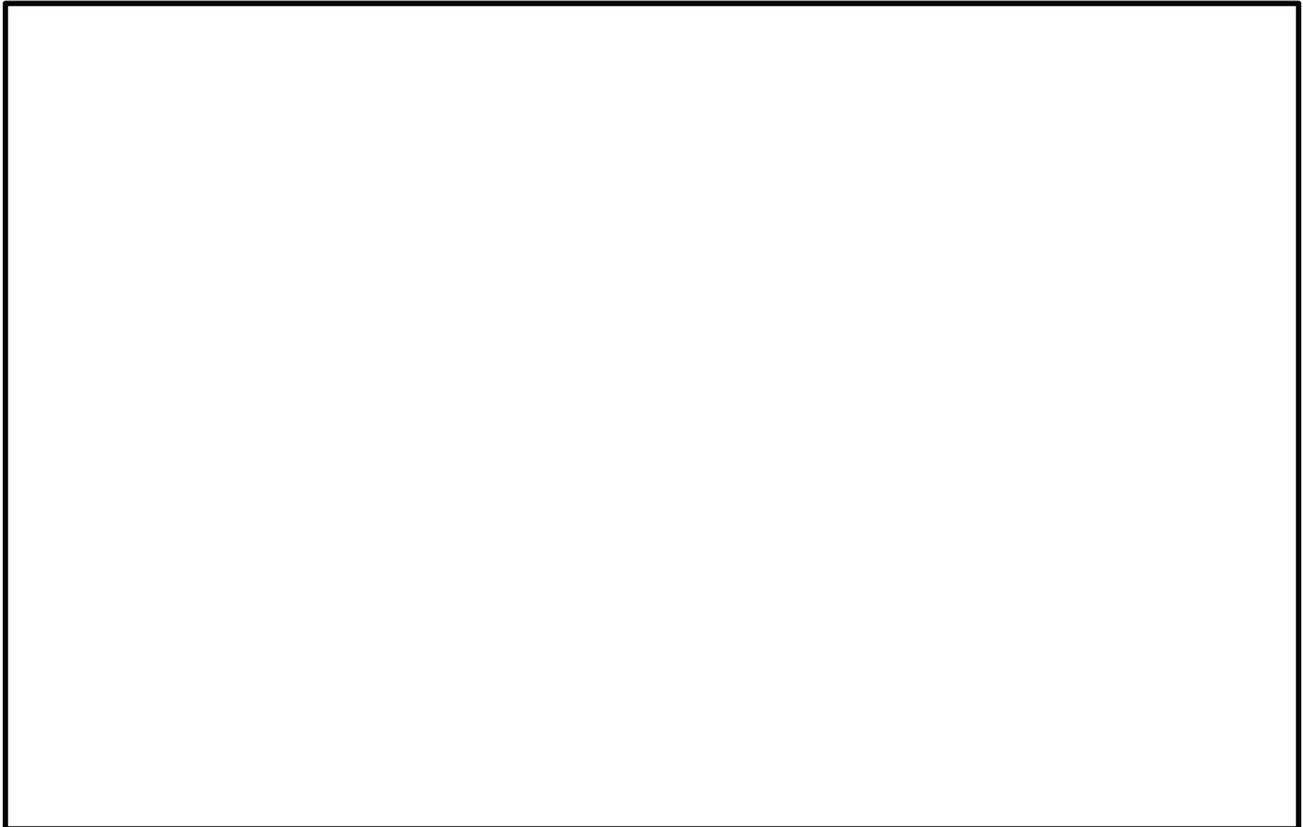
What do you want to see God do in 2021 – categorise under the following headings

Probable – You can see how it is likely to happen, but it still needs a shove from God	Improbable – Unless God moves it is unlikely to happen	Impossible – Unless God moves it won't happen

What will you do in 2021? What is your plan?

“What we fear the most often reveals where we trust God the least.”

CRAIG GROESCHEL - ‘DANGEROUS PRAYERS’



Looking further ahead, what are some of the big dreams you sense God is seeding in your heart or mind?

Whose help do you need in order to pursue or to explore these further?

Habits of Growing People

By John Maxwell

Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night.

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For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)

What can you observe in the attitudes and practices of people who grow and keep growing?

1. Growing people have a plan to grow

Oh, it may not be complicated. Their plan might be as simple as a bucket list, a book club or a gym membership. Streaming entertainment excites them less than personal interaction. They prefer face-to-face conversation rather than Facebook, and thought-provoking discussion rather than quoting sound bites.

2. Growing people have growing friends

They associate with others who aren't content with the status quo in their own lives. They attract the kind of people who also engage in thought and learn new skills. They might together pursue weight loss or health goals or DIY projects. They practise mutual challenge and encouragement.

3. Growing people take advantage of growth resources

Invariably, growing people are readers. They'll often have a book or device at hand, so when they're waiting, they're reading. They go to conferences, engage a mentor or take a class. They study areas not associated with their profession. They read select tweets and blogs. They listen deeply, learn intuitively and pass on what they're learning!

4. Growing people practise growth habits even when they're not motivated

Motivation slows, even for growth-oriented people. But they know that growth isn't an option. They've experienced that when growth ceases, the downward slide begins. People committed to growth understand that daily habits and small steps will both keep them moving forward and kick-start their motivation again.

'Anything you really transfer to Jesus at a heart level, he can transform'. Anon

Section 3 - Sharing & Praying

Share with others in your small group – make sure that each person has a turn.

You will be invited to share what’s standing out for you from the two hours of prayer and reflection. What one thing do you plan to share?

If anyone prays or shares anything with you write it down.