

## REFLECTING RIGHTLY ON 2017

- I. GOD WAS WITH YOU - Isaiah 41:10. *“Do not fear, for I am with you.”*  
God was with you this whole past year, and He had a reason to be with you, to strengthen you, help you, and uphold you.
  
- II. GOD FORGAVE YOU - Psalm 130:4 – *“There is forgiveness with You that You may be feared.”* The good news is that you’ve been forgiven of all your sins and this should cause you to honor and love God all the more. Psalm 23:6. You were to forgive others, those who sinned against you. *“forgiving each other.”* If you didn’t forgive people, then there will be anger and bitterness, and that is not good. Colossians 3:13, Matthew 18:33
  
- III. GOD PROTECTED YOU - 2 Timothy 4:18 - *“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly Kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever.”* God has been protecting you, rescuing you from evil deeds and evil men, and from the devil’s schemes this whole past year. Psalm 121:7
  
- IV. GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO YOU - Psalm 100:4. *“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.”* God has been very good to you this past year, and you need to give credit to God, and thank Him for His goodness to you. 2 Chronicles 5:11-14
  
- V. GOD GAVE YOU STRENGTH - 1 Corinthians 1:8 – *“He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*  
You could only do what God wanted you to do in 2017 by His strength, by His grace and power. John 15:5, 1 Corinthians 15:10, Psalm 84:7
  
- VI. GOD LED YOU - Psalm 32:8 – *“I will lead you in the way you should go. I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”* God was continually involved in your life, leading you and helping you to do what He wanted you to do. Proverbs 16:9
  
- VII. GOD HELPED YOU TO BE HOLY - John 17:17 - *“Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.”* One of God’s purposes for your life was to help you be pure, to be holy, to say no to sin, and then to do what was right. Psalm 23:3, 119:133

VIII. GOD WAS TEACHING YOU - Psalm 119:33 – *“Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I shall observe it to the end.”* God has been teaching you the truth, and helping you to grow in your character, and to then do His will.

IX. GOD HAS BEEN FAITHFUL TO YOU - 1 Thessalonians 5:24 - *“Faithful is He who calls you and He will bring it to pass.”* God was always reliable, dependable, and trustworthy with regard to you and the plans He had for you, faithfully leading, protecting and teaching you, and being good to you. 1 Corinthians 1:8

X. GOD WAS SOVEREIGN OVER YOUR LIFE - Romans 8:28 - *“We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”* God has been in charge of your life, personally involved in your life, for your good, and for God’s purposes and glory.

XI. YOU COMPLETED THE WORK GAVE YOU TO - John 17:4 – *“I brought you glory by completing the work you gave me to do.”* Every day God had work for you to do, and from God’s perspective, you completed all the work He wanted you to get done. Psalm 138:8, Acts 13:36

XII. GOD LOVED YOU - Psalm 92:1-2 – *“It is good to give thanks to the Lord... to declare your love in the morning, and your faithfulness at night.”* It is good to look back over the year and see how God has faithfully loved you. You should thank the Lord for what He has done for you. You should also declare His love on the first day of this new year, and then be looking forward to how He will show His love to you in 2018. Psalm 136

THIS I RECALL TO MIND, THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE.  
THE LORD’S LOVINGKINDNESSES INDEED NEVER CEASE,  
FOR HIS COMPASSIONS NEVER FAIL.  
THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING;  
GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS.  
*“THE LORD IS MY PORTION”, SAYS MY SOUL,  
“THEREFORE I HAVE HOPE IN HIM.”*  
THE LORD IS GOOD TO THOSE WHO WAIT FOR HIM,  
TO THE PERSON WHO SEEKS HIM.  
Lamentations 3:21-25