



We are therefore  
Christ's ambassadors,  
as though God were  
making his appeal  
through us.

2 Cor 5:20

**NEW YEAR. NEW OPPORTUNITIES.**  
*Be ready.*

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**December 28, 2025**

**RESET,  
REALIGN,  
RUN!**

***Preparing For  
The New Year***

**Phil 3:13–14  
Pt1**

**RESET, READJUST,  
REFOCUS**

**.....  
AND RESTART!**

**“Neighbor... oh neighbor... this year will NOT catch me unprepared!”**

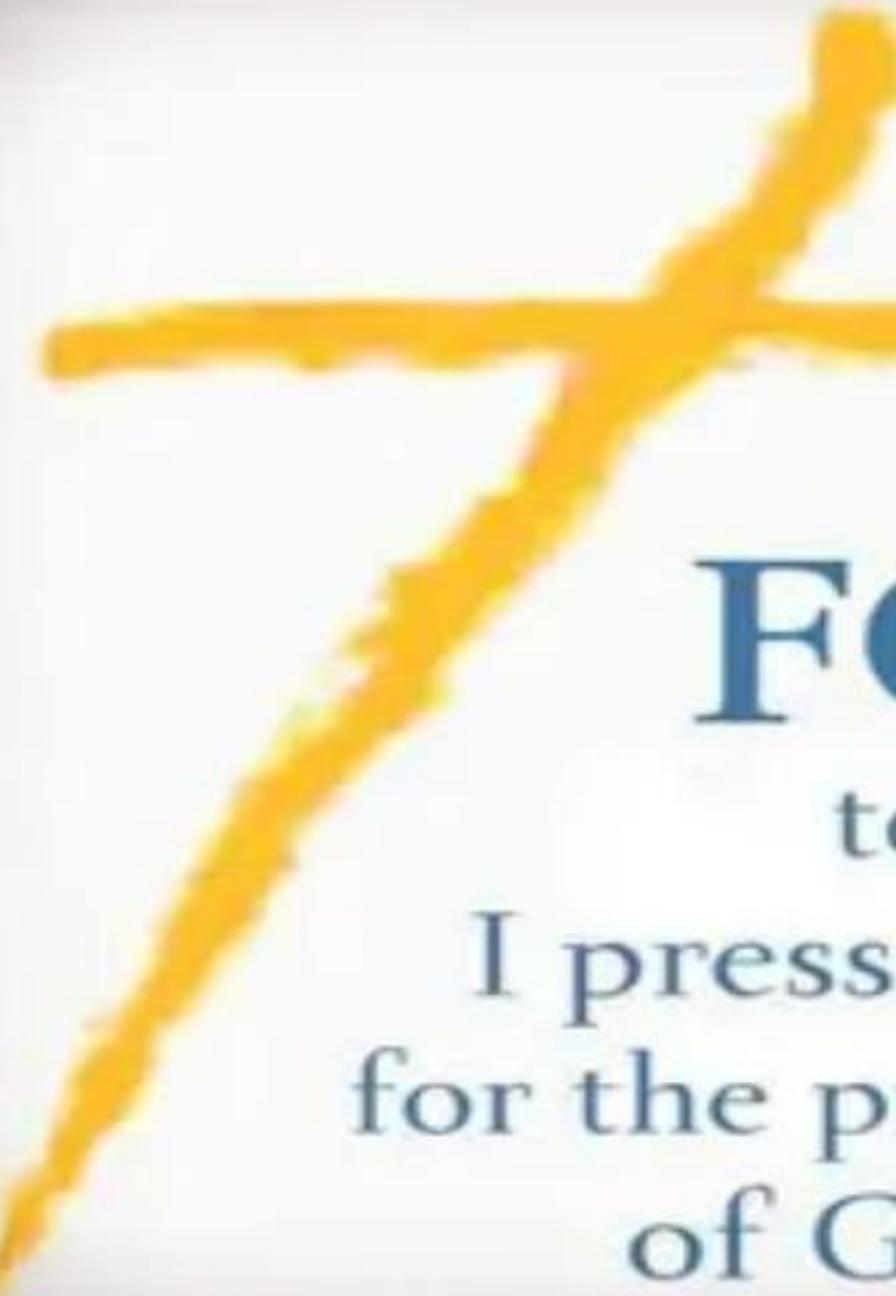
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  - Today is a **REVIVAL**....something in you is **about to Wake Up**
  - We're not here to make **Resolutions** —but receive **Revelation.**
  - We're not here to make **Promises** but Stand On **Promises**
  - We're not here to **Try Harder** — we're here to **Walk In The Spirit.**
  - If you're ready for a New Year With New Power, shout **“Let's go!”**



Philippians 3:13-14

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**FORWARD**

to what lies ahead,

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**Your Environment...  
...Doesn't Determine Your  
Destiny  
...Your Alignment Does**



# No looking back!



Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

## LET GO OF WHAT'S BEHIND YOU

- **“Forgetting those things which are behind...”**
  - Let's dig into this.
- The Greek word for “forgetting” is a Compound Word:
  - **epi** =
  - intensifier (“completely, thoroughly”)
  - **Ianthanomai** =
  - “to be hidden, to escape notice, to be overlooked”

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**Sometimes  
holding on**



**does more  
damage**



**than  
letting go**



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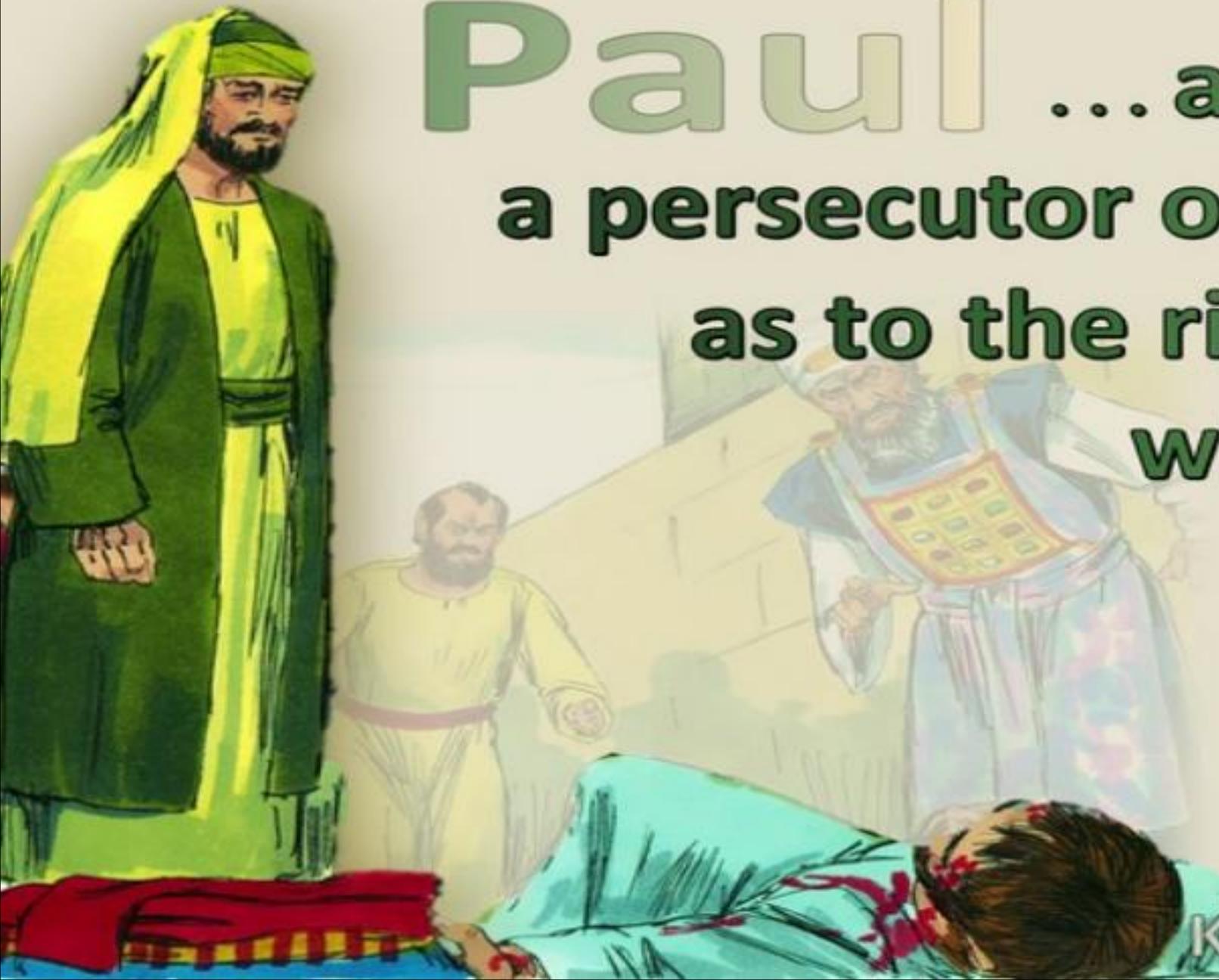
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**Challenge:**

**“If God forgave it, why are you still feeding it?”**



**Paul ... as to zeal,  
a persecutor of the church;  
as to the righteousness  
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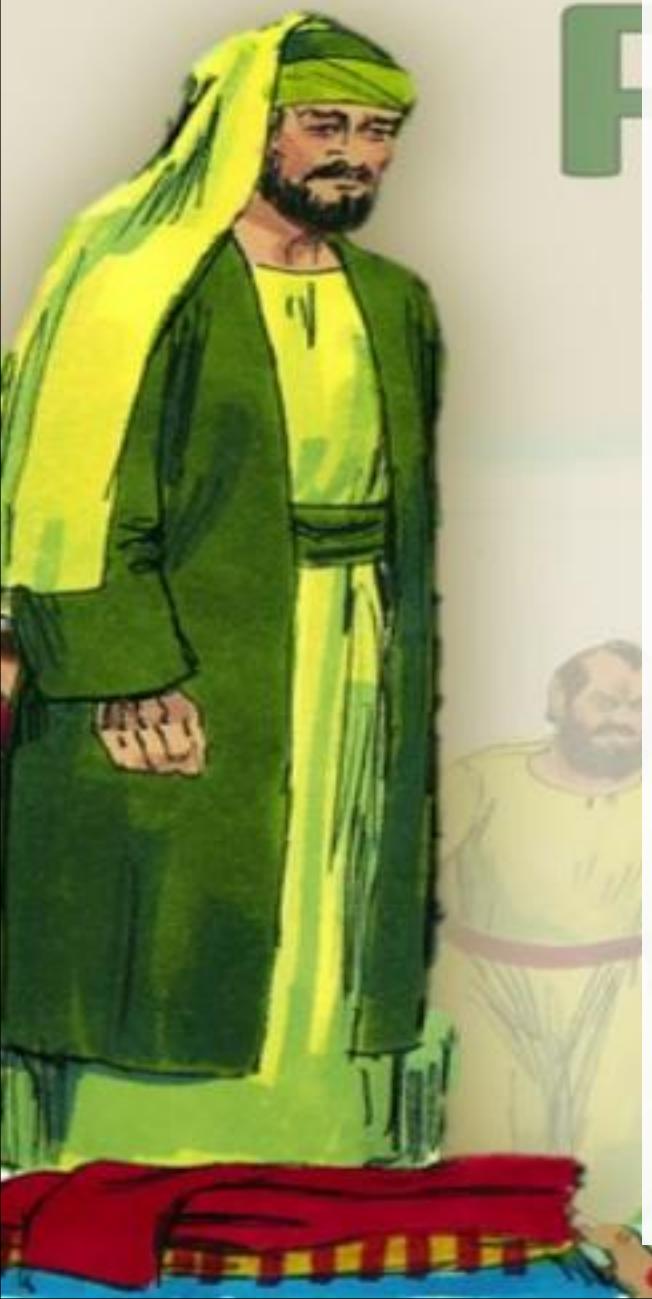
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A colorful illustration of the Apostle Paul. He is shown from the waist up, wearing a green turban and a green robe with a yellow sash. He has a beard and is looking slightly to the right. In the background, there are faint, semi-transparent text elements from the Philippians 3:6 verse.

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ANYTHING YOU  
CAN'T CONTROL  
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TEACHING YOU  
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GO.

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# the Apostle

- circumcised the eighth day
- of the nation of Israel
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- a Hebrew of Hebrews
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Philippians 3:5

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## **Let Go of.. ...Past Successes**

- **Paul had Spiritual Achievements:**
  - Circumcised on the Eighth Day
    - Hebrew of Hebrews
    - Pharisee
    - Zealous
  - Blameless in the Law
- But He Calls Them -Gk "*garbage, refuse, dung*"

***"My past victories are not my present identity."***

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**Challenge:**

**"Don't Build a Shrine Around What God Used to Do."**

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# GETTING PAST YOUR PAST

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go deeper.”**



## Reach for ...Spiritual Growth

- Deeper Prayer
- Stronger Devotion
- Higher Worship
- Greater Obedience

**AS IRON SHARPENS IRON,  
SO ONE PERSON  
SHARPENS ANOTHER.**

**PROVERBS 27.17**



**Reach for...  
...Healthy Relationships**

- ✓ People Who Sharpen You
- ✓ People Who Challenge You
- ✓ People Who Pray With You
- ✓ People Who Push You

# The High Calling Of God

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 3:14



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# Reach for Kingdom Purpose

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of the High Calling...”**

**Gk - “calling” klesis —**

*a divine summons, a heavenly invitation.*

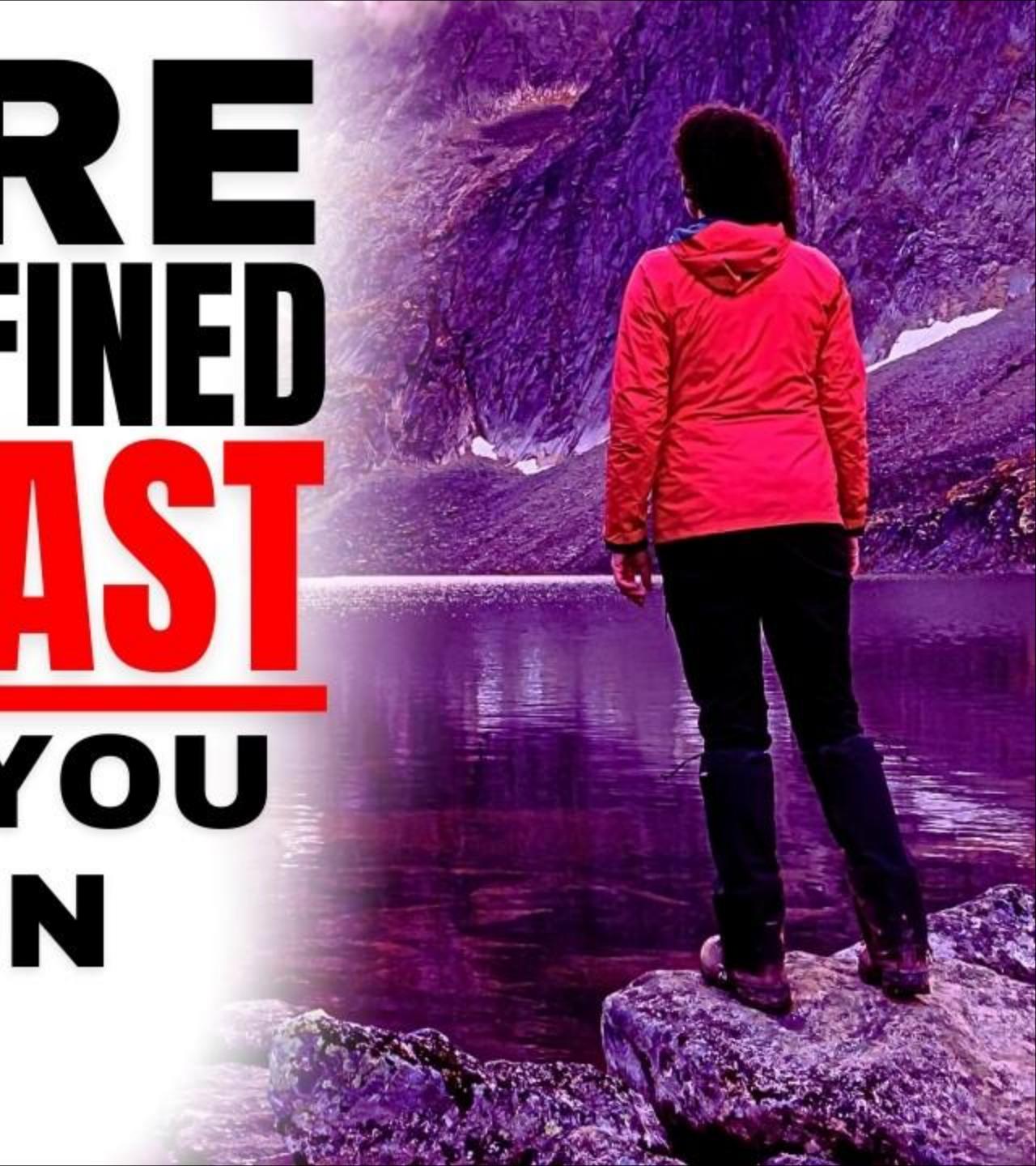
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**God Has Called You  
To Live Beyond Ordinary  
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Past  
Problems  
Pains  
To Step Up  
Go Beyond the Mile**

There is no sense in punishing  
your future for the  
mistakes of the past.

**FORGIVE YOURSELF,**  
grow from it, and  
**then let it GO.**

Melanie Koulouris.



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## **Everybody Stand**

- **If you're ready to let go of what's behind you...**
- **If you're ready to reach for what's ahead...**
- **If you're ready to press toward the mark...**
  - **Raise Both Hands Saying...**



God's purpose is not limited by your past.

Rick Warren

# **Raise Both Hands and Say...**

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- Prepare me for the new year**

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**“Lord, Reset me- Realign me- Refocus me- Renew me.**

- Prepare me for the new year**
- Now lift your hands and declare:**

**This year,**

- I will run with purpose, walk with power, and live with passion**
- And the God who brought you through last year is about to launch you into this one w- FIRE, w- FOCUS /w- HOLY GHOST POWER.**

**2025**

Look back and  
thank Jesus.

**2026**

Look forward and  
trust Jesus.