

God Says, "Let's Move Forward Together"

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- **Say this with me:** God says let's go forward together
- This series is about our commitment to follow Jesus
- Wave goodbye to 2020
- Welcome 2021 by waving your hand **forward**
- What did we Christ Followers (CFs) learn **spiritually in 2020?**

John 16:33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world **you will have trouble**. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

- **Peace** (shalom) = completeness, rest, safety, tranquility, wholeness, total well-being

1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Hebrews 13:5 God said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

- We **learned** these 3 Bible priorities: God, people, and the use of our time
- We learned to trust God, who can work all things together for good

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them

- **God:** Life is all about GOD
- **God says:** God speaks to his children (CFs)

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, **and they follow me**

- The Bible tells us that when God speaks to us, **we are to listen, obey and then follow Him**
- **God says let us (God and CF'S) = Man was designed to do life WITH GOD**

Jeremiah 10:23 (NLT) I know, LORD, that our lives are not our own. We are not able to plan our own course.

- **ONLY** God can direct our lives

Proverbs 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you

- Jesus is our role model. Jesus' entire life was directed by God.

*John 5:19 (NLT) So Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, **the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.***

- **God says let's go forward:** Forward means advancing, onward to fulfill God's plans for every CF the meaning of GO is GO

- Going forward Spiritually means we will become more and more like Jesus

- This enables CFs to stay on mission, seek and save the lost and **expand the Kingdom of God**

Matthew 28:19 (ESV) Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.

*Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT) For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, **to give you a future and a hope***

- **Say with me:** Forward Focused in 2021
- God want us to follow Him, because we will be focused on HIS will, and not our will.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and don't depend on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight

- **Command #1** Do trust in God
- **Command #2** Don't depend on your own understanding – your human wisdom
- **Command #3** Do acknowledge God means to know God personally and to seek His will
- When we obey these 3 commands **then** God fulfills **HIS promise:** God will show us which path to take)!
- **God says, let US go forward together:** Together is a picture of UNITY-oneness
- God loves to **UNITE** but Satan loves to **DIVIDE**

*Amos 3:3 (NLT) Can two people walk together without agreeing **on the direction?***

Romans 15:5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus

- Unity comes from sameness of purpose

*John 17:20-23 (NLT) "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. 21 I pray that **they will all be one, just as you and I are one**—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. 22 **"I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.** 23 **I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.***

Mark 1:33-38 The whole town gathered at the door, **34** and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. **35** Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. **36** Simon and his companions went to look for him, **37** and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!” **38** Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

- **PM:** How can we learn to go forward in 2021?
- CFs be encouraged because going forward with God is the best lifestyle ever
- **SAY THIS:** God says (your name) let’s go forward together
- following Jesus (doing life with Jesus) **THE ONLY WAY** to have purpose, meaning, peace and joy is in 2021 is to start following Jesus as your Lord and Savior. You need **to repent** of your sins **and then put your trust, your faith in Jesus.**

Romans 10:9 (NLT) If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- Text **YES** to 321.574.6970 if you have chosen to accept Jesus as you Lord and Savior.

All Bible references are from the New International Version (NIV) unless otherwise noted. NLT = New Living Translation.