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### 2024 - A year of a profound dialogue with God.

Habakkuk 2:2 says..."write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it."

I believe 2024 is a year of a profound dialogue with God through a clear and well thought out and well prayed out vision established in prayer.



So many things have happened in the world that it can be easy to get sidetracked. But forming a clear, established set of goals and vision planning helps set the course to accomplish what I'm believing God for.

Be sure to read and re-read "New Year, (Re) New You." Pray and seek God as to how He can help you establish a plan for 2024. Read Melissa's article "What's Love God to Do with It." As you do, I believe you will clearly see the love God has for you! And of course, enjoy the recipes from the Make Your Day Count kitchen and all the other goodies in this issue!

I pray you are blessed beyond measure in 2024.

In Christ's love,

Lindray

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With God, nothing is impossible!

#### **Bad Report Reversed**

"Glory to God! Thank you to my Father and thank you also to Richard and Lindsay for your prayers and your ministry. My husband had a bad report from his liver scan. We called your Abundant Life Prayer Group and we asked our church to pray too. After an MRI, his doctor said, 'This is a puzzle, your MRI is normal and your blood work is too.' I said, Thank you Jesus, that's a miracle."

-Barbara, from Arkansas

#### Blessed with a Job

"A few months ago, I called in for prayer and asked for someone to agree with me in prayer that God would bless me with a good paying job. Last week, my prayer was answered. I received the good paying job that I desired! Praise the Lord! Thank you for standing with me in prayer!"

-Yvonne, from Michigan

#### Cancer Gone

Jamie called the Abundant Life Prayer Group for prayer for her brother-in-law. He had been suffering from cancer in his spine and had a spot on his liver since March 2022. Jamie called back with the praise report that her brother-in-law is completely healed from cancer and he was told that he does not need any further treatment.

-Jamie, from Florida

#### **Good Report**

"I had asked you to pray and stand with me concerning my diabetes. I went to the doctor and did a blood test. My A1C had dropped tremendously. Thank you Jesus! Thank you Richard, may God continue to bless your ministry."

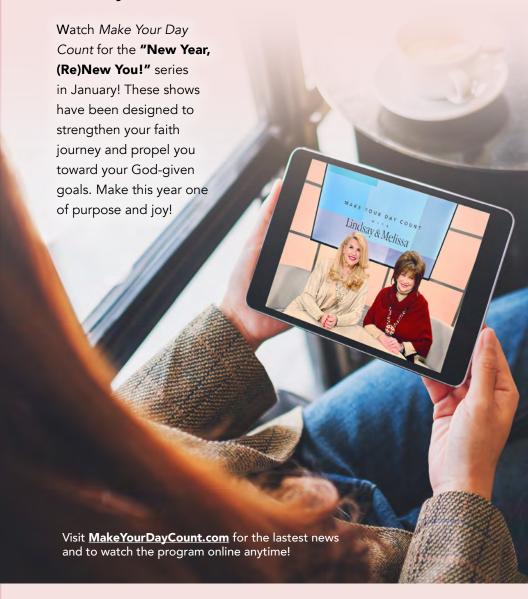
-Kathleen, from New York

For prayer, call the Abundant Life Prayer Group at 918-495-7777, or go to RichardRoberts.org/prayer.



I PRAY THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE ENLIGHTENED IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE HOPE TO WHICH HE HAS CALLED YOU...

#### Make your 2024...Count!



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his is a time when many of us reflect on the past, assess the present, and set goals for the future.
When I think of the new year, I think of resolutions, hopes, dreams, goals—fulfilled and failed.

It's easy to believe certain goals are unattainable due to satan's relentless lies. However, the Lord provides a path to success, even when we may hesitate to pursue the dreams hidden in our hearts. And guess what! Your past failures and successes don't have to determine your future ones because the timeless truth of God's Word is bigger than that! He is The Rock upon which we can stand. You can choose to *make today count*—choose *today* as your day to set new goals—spiritually, physically, mentally, financially and emotionally!

Habakkuk 2:2: "Then the Lord answered me and said, Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." This verse invites us into a profound dialogue of processing our

hopes and dreams with God. It encourages us not only to envision our aspirations, but to write them clearly, boldly, and with purpose and then to look at what God thinks about them. As we reflect on our hopes and dreams for this new year, I encourage you to explore this scripture with me.

1. Write Down Your Vision: Why? The act of writing is powerful. It transforms vague thoughts into tangible goals, dreams, and prayers. As we embark on this new year, take time to carefully give expression to your vision. What are the aspirations and dreams that God has placed in your heart? Write them down, not as fleeting thoughts, but as concrete commitments. When we can clearly write down our dreams and visions, we can not only gain clarity in our

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goals but also in how these goals align with God's will!

2. Make it Plain: Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, "A goal without a plan is just a wish." Clarity is essential on this journey of renewal. The Word of God encourages us to make our vision plain. This involves not only understanding our goals, but also discerning the steps required to achieve them. Consider breaking down your vision into actionable steps, making it clear and achievable. These don't have to be mountain climbing steps! Sometimes, a small step in the right direction is all you need to get momentum going. All we have to do is the next right thing!

3. That He May Run Who Reads It: The idea here is that once the vision is written down and made plain, it should be clear and compelling enough to inspire action! Decide to identify your "WHY". This is where you encourage your future self to keep up with your goals, even when times get tough. When you read your goal, your plan, and your 'why', you should feel motivated to take the next step with purpose.

Additional Tip: Another way

you may keep yourself accountable and motivated is by sharing your goals with a trusted friend or family member. In doing so, you invite others to run alongside you on this journey of renewal. I believe that as you walk through your plans for the future with a clear vision, a plan, a compelling "why", and a reliance on God's mercy and grace, then you can succeed in what you put your hand to. You can find wholeness, health, healing, and stability because you have aligned God's will for your life with scripture and identifiable action steps!

I pray this is a year of intentional living, clear purpose, and shared aspirations—a year where each day counts in the divine story of your life. Colossians 3:23 reminds us, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

Your written vision then can become an offering to God, a testament to your commitment to live with purpose and excellence. In the words of Habakkuk, let us write, make plain, and run with the vision that God has placed within us. May the coming year be a testament to the beauty of renewal, guided by the timeless truths found in His Word.

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#### **MYDC RECIPES**



#### **BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP**

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 Tbsp. minced onions

2 Tbsp. butter

3 Tbsp. flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

2 cups milk

1/2 brick processed cheese (16 oz), cubed

1 1/2 cups boiling water

2 chicken bouillon cubes

1 (10-oz.) package frozen chopped broccoli (or 2 1/2 cups fresh diced

broccoli)

Optional topping: grated cheese

(Use caution with hot soup.)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

In a 4-quart saucepan, sauté onions in butter until tender. Add flour and spices; add milk; bring to a boil, stirring constantly until mixture thickens; reduce heat. Add cheese; stir until melted; remove from heat. In separate saucepan, dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water. Add broccoli; cook until tender; drain. Add broccoli to cheese mixture; heat to serving temperature.

#### WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 lb. chicken

Cavender's seasoning (to taste)

3 (16-oz.) cans great northern beans

2 1/2 cloves garlic (or 1 1/2 tsp. minced garlic)

1 small onion, chopped

2 boxes chicken broth

1 tsp. chili powder

Few dashes Tabasco sauce (to taste)

1/2 Tbsp. cumin

1/2 Tbsp. Worchestershire sauce

1 (16-oz.) can chopped tomatoes

1 tsp. oregano

Salt and pepper (to taste)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Boil chicken breasts or tenders in water seasoned with salt and pepper and a few dashes Cavenders seasoning. (Boil until done).

Remove chicken; chop and return to broth.

Add remaining ingredients; simmer 1 hour. Add more broth if too spicy; adjust seasonings to taste.

Optional toppings: avocado, cheddar cheese
Serves 6.

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(If you have questions about storing, serving or cooking poultry, call: Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555.)



## What's

### Got To Do With It?

BY MELISSA LEE

othing quite says "Happy Valentines!" like a scripture from the book of Lamentations, written by none other than the weeping prophet, Jeremiah.

Love has been the driving force behind countless songs that showcase broken hearts, unrequited love, and heartfelt connections. The topic of love has been written about for centuries in poetry, books, and plays. Love stories have even become the cornerstone of entire television networks. In fact, February has been renamed "Loveuary" by one network! Doesn't that just showcase our love for all things love?

As the mother of five adult children – four daughters and one son – I can tell you not only do men and women see Valentine's Day differently, but we also all have different perspectives on what this day means and how it should be celebrated.

I've come up with three camps, if you will. There are those who adore everything heart-shaped, pink, and red; this will be the

# Everything!

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-LAMENTATIONS 3:23

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"Loveuary" camp. Then there are those who don't really think much about it at all; this is our "carefree" camp. Then this last group, we will call our "Love is a battlefield" camp; they want nothing to do with the painful reminder of what's been or what is not happening in their lives at this moment. I personally think this is tough because one can't even go to the local grocery store without being bombarded by aisle after aisle of bouquets, heart-shaped boxes filled with chocolates, rows and rows of cards of all sizes. stuffed animals - you name it! It's all calling out, saying "This is love." (Some quite literally.)

I remember passing through these aisles one year, and someone had pushed the buttons on at least a dozen dancing red furry hearts! It was funny and pitiful, as some had danced right off the shelf. For some of us, Valentine's Day itself pushes some buttons. But at the heart of the holiday, there is a quest for love! The good news is there is an everlasting love so big that all the candy hearts in the world couldn't contain it.

Today our quest for love will take us right back to a portion of scripture from our brave, compassionate, obedient, loyal prophet, Jeremiah. I want to focus on a few words that I've highlighted.

The STEADFAST (unwavering, enduring) and faithful LOVE of the Lord NEVER CEASES (a constant source that never runs out). His mercies never come to an end; great is Thy faithfulness.

I'm reminded of "the four loves" that C.S. Lewis writes about in his book of the same title. There's STORGE - affection, PHILIA - friendship, EROS - romantic love (which we erroneously

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think all of life and love hinges on), and then there is AGAPE love. This is a sacrificial love; it's the love that sent our Savior, Jesus Christ, to the cross, so that we may have eternal life, as John 10:10 says, an *abundant life*.

Receiving the deep, abiding love of God is the first step to this abundant life. But it's not the last! I can't help but think of the scripture where Jesus himself shared the greatest commandment.

Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and greatest commandment."

C.S. Lewis once said, "When I have learnt to love God better than my earthly dearest, I shall love my earthly best." This quote gives great insight into the wholeness that loving God with our intellect, will, and emotions can bring. Our love for God unlocks our ability to love others well.

Whatever season you are in—and I say season because seasons change—I want to remind you that love is not a commercial holiday. True, all that chocolate might just be half off on February 15! But long after Loveuary ends, the question will linger: "What's love got to do with it!?" And the answer will be the same all year long—everything!

Love is the very bedrock of your relationship with the Creator of the universe. *His very name is Love!* You never have to play the flower petal game of "he loves me, he loves me not". You have the blessed assurance that God, who is Love, loved you *first*, loves you *most*, and will love you *forever!* 

Happy Heart Month, dear friend!

Much love,

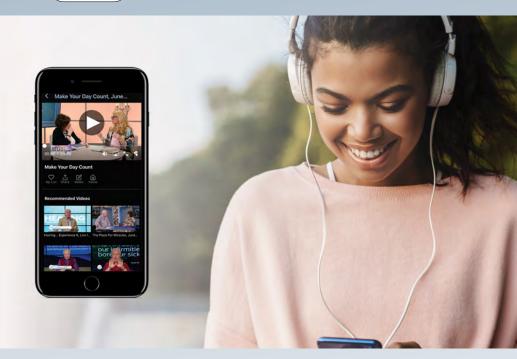
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