

Together

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Happy New Year!

Thread: We are always better together.

“Jesus climbed into a boat and went back across the lake to his own town. Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, ‘Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.’ But some of the teachers of religious law said to themselves, ‘That’s blasphemy! Does he think he’s God?’ Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, ‘Why do you have such evil thoughts in your hearts? Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.’ Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, ‘Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!’ And the man jumped up and went home! Fear swept through the crowd as they saw this happen. And they praised God for giving humans such authority.”

Matthew 9:1 – 8 NLT

“...All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18 – 20 CSB**

- *Follow* is about our eyes, our ears, and our attention.
- *Trust* is a choice. It’s about learning that I can trust God’s goodness.
- *Love* is about knowing God’s love for me and loving others.
- *Imitate* is about doing the things that Jesus did. This is obedience.
- *Bearing fruit* is not about the Fruit of the Spirit it’s about the harvest of helping others become fully devoted disciples of Jesus.

Challenge:

-Join me in the Bible reading this year. Let’s do it together!
-Who is your mat carrying squad? And who are you bringing?
-What does God want to be different for you this year? Make a resolution and start.

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