

# A New Year, New Beginnings – Now What?

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**Today's Forecast:**

**God Reigns  
and the  
Son Shines!**





KEEP CALM AND BELIEVE



KEEP CALM AND PRAY

KEEP CALM AND TRUST GOD

KEEP CALM AND REJOICE





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# **BELIEF COMES FROM KNOWING HIM WELL**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
and lean not on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6**

**The journey of my testimony...  
still living it day-by-day as God leads the way!**

**10% of life is what happens to you; 90% is what you do with it.**

**Charles Swindoll**



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## LIVING IT -

**But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
and these things will be added to you.**

**Matthew 6:33 ESV**

- ✓ **Make God's Word central to your family.**  
**BSF gave us structure and focus...**
- ✓ **Family Devotional Nights**  
**Buzz's favorite was the "dot on a ribbon"**





## **KEEP CALM and BELIEVE**

**These words I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7 HCSB**





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# LIVING IT – Never Delegate Evangelizing Your Kids

- ✓ **DASIC – Dads and Sons in Christ**  
Be a student of your child...

...Chris & Michael have never forgotten what Buzz taught them:

**The REAL Man**

**Rejects Passivity**

**Accepts Responsibility**

**Leads Courageously**

**Expects the Greater Reward**







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# **KEEP CALM and BELIEVE**

**This season is so very brief. Remembering is so important in believing...**

- ✓ **Remember the ultimate task has been accomplished in Jesus Christ. There is assurance in that.**
- ✓ **When we believe in that, we can sit down too, at His feet, trusting in Him for all of our days unto eternity!**

**Don't be afraid; just believe.  
Mark 5:36 NIV**





# **FEAR NOT TOMORROW. GOD IS ALREADY THERE.**

**When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.  
Psalm 56:3 ESV**

**Do our lives reflect our trust in God?**

**✓ Trustworthy, Fair, Integrity = Your Kids Think of You!**

**Most fear is fear of the unknown**

**✓ Focus on today**

**Worry is the belief that God won't get it right.**

**Ann Voskamp**





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## **KEEP CALM and TRUST GOD**

**We may never understand the reasons for our particular trials this side of eternity, but for those who love God**

- ✓ **Trials work for them not against them (Romans 8:28);**
- ✓ **God give us strength to endure any trial (Philippians 4:13)**

**Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.  
Corrie ten Boom**





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## LIVING IT -

- ✓ My kids were in elementary school - September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001
- ✓ Michael's foot
- ✓ Protect Your Kids from the World (As Much as Possible)

Some (many) say they eventually see everything...

...Let us give them a foundation in Christ before they have to engage/navigate the world





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**Don't be afraid, for I am with you.  
Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you and help you.  
I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.  
Isaiah 41:10 NLT**

**Fear enslaves;  
Christ sets us free.**

**So from BELIEF, we can then TRUST...as we PRAY**



# BE A MOM (AND DAD) WHO PRAYS

Cast all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you.  
1 Peter 5:7 NLT

Peter does not categorize worries as little or big...

- ✓ We are to turn them ALL over to Him!

Casting means to throw forcibly...

- ✓ That is the most difficult part – turning it over – since self-reliance is the what the world teaches



# KEEP CALM and PRAY

**Don't worry about anything; instead pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need,  
and thank Him for all He has done.  
Then you will experience God's peace,  
which exceeds anything we can understand.**

**His peace will guard your hearts  
and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:6-7 NLT**



## LIVING IT -

✓ **Launch and Return:**

- Starting & ending each day with devotions and prayer with your kids...
- Encourage your spouse and those you share this journey with!

✓ **My concussion – Resilience: In Christ alone, my hope is found**

✓ **Pray Scripture/Personalized Scripture – a gift from a friend...**

**Cast all your worries on me, deedee, for I really care about you.**

**1 Peter 5:7**







# **KEEP CALM and PRAY**

**You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you,  
because he trusts in you.**

**Isaiah 26:3 ESV**

**Cast your burdens at the feet of Jesus.  
PRAYING in faith, He gives us RESILIENCE ,  
BELIEVING and TRUSTING in Him,  
where our only hope is found.**

**Give your burdens to the Lord, and He will care for you.  
He will not permit the godly to slip and fall.**

**Psalm 55:22 NLT**





# #TOOMUCHWONDERFUL

Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 5:15-18 NIV

- ✓ When you have the peace of God, you won't necessarily be comfortable BUT you will be content in Him
- ✓ There is only one priority: Jesus  
Everything else in life is a way of pursuing that priority



You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.  
Oh Great God of highest heaven, glorify Your name through me.



# LIVING IT -

- ✓ **Gratitude Journal**

Gratitude is the heart's way of remembering



- ✓ **Rejoice in Serving Him - as a family in church**

Teaching Sunday School

Food Bag Ministry/Season of Service

- ✓ **Rejoice in Serving Him – in the community**

Urban Immersion/Central Union Mission

Bringing Jesus to the classroom – in a public school

Building a new school in South County



# KEEP CALM and REJOICE

I look behind me and You are there,  
then up ahead and You are there too...

Your reassuring presence,  
coming and going.

This is too much, too WONDERFUL –

I can't take it all in!

Psalm 139: 5,6 (edited)

We cannot change the world **BUT** we can step out in faith,  
shining for Jesus: BELIEVING, TRUSTING, PRAYING...  
and REJOICING



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Well, we're going to sing 😊



Spirit of the Living God  
Fall **AFRESH** on me...

Melt Me, Mold Me, Fill Me, Use Me...



# LET US WELCOME 2017 AFRESH...

**MELT ME** – accepting Jesus as my Savior; salvation is nothing I have earned; then being continually refined!

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone and look the new has come!  
2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

**MOLD ME** – with a willing spirit, I am renewed and transformed by His Word!

Restore me to the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.  
Psalm 51:12 NIV

...but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:1 NIV



**FILL ME** – God shapes me through the Holy Spirit and prayer; embracing quiet listening to Him!

In your presence is fullness of joy.

Psalm 16:11b NIV

Be still and know I am God.

Psalm 46:10 NIV

**USE ME** – love as God loves me; give my life away; let others see Jesus in me!

For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV





**This it the way;  
walk in it.**



**Isaiah 30:21**





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