

# Life Steps

## New Years

January 1, 2023

### Monday

**Psalm 23:4 | Isaiah 41:10 | Isaiah 43:2**

**Reflect:** Identify some of the life-changing blessings of living daily in the awareness of God's presence. As you consider 2023, where do you most need to experience God's transforming presence?

**Prayer:** Thank you, God, for the strength, courage, wisdom, healing, and peace that comes from living in your presence.

### Tuesday

**John 8:36 | Acts 13:38-39 | 2 Corinthians 3:17**

**Reflect:** Holding on to past baggage sabotages your today and your tomorrow. What hurt, habit, or hang-up do you need to release so you can know freedom?

**Prayer:** God, by the power of your presence, set me free from that which prevents me from being fully who you designed and created me to be.

### Wednesday

**Isaiah 43:18-19; 65:17-19 | Revelation 21:5**

**Reflect:** Take an inventory of your key relationships. Ask God to reveal to you the "new things" he wants to do in and through you in 2023. Write them down as God reveals them to you.

**Prayer:** God of new beginnings, continue to do new things in me. Use me in 2023 to build your kingdom.

### Thursday

**Proverbs 16:3 | Isaiah 46:10 | 2 Timothy 1:9 | Romans 8:28**

**Reflect:** "It's not about you." Considering your resources, spiritual gifts, experiences, connections, and passions, continue to prayerfully brainstorm the possible strategic purposes God might have for you in 2023.

**Prayer:** God of meaning and purpose, make yourself known to me and how you want to use me to help make your world a better place.

### Friday

**John 1:35-42a | John 12:20-22**

**Reflect:** Andrew never preached a sermon, but neither would Peter have if Andrew hadn't introduced him to Jesus. Prayerfully decide who you are going to connect with today and invite them to join you this weekend for our new message series, "Own It."

**Prayer:** Give me the love and courage to invite \_\_\_\_\_ to join me in worship this weekend. Use me to help connect them to Jesus.

### Saturday

**Luke 15: 11-31**

**Reflect:** Both sons needed to experience the love and grace of the Father. Which son do you most relate to? Why? Who do you know that needs to experience the love of God? Why? How will you reach out to them today?

**Prayer:** Use me, God, to help others experience your love and grace.

### Sunday

**John 14:16-17 | 2 Corinthians 1:20 | 1 John 4:16**

**Reflect:** All of the promises of God, including the promise of his help and love are "Yes" in Jesus Christ. As you think about your aspirations for 2023, how do these scriptures and this statement encourage you?

**Prayer:** For today, Lord, I choose to live in the "Yes" of your promise to love me and help me.