



BASCOMB NEWS

DECEMBER 29, 2022

Christmas Day
&
New Year's Day
One Service at
10:00 AM in
the Chapel



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January 1 — New Year's Day

Sermon Title: *"Got a Plan?"* Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

So, what about you? Has 2023 gone by as quickly for you as it has for me? Before we know it, our Christmas decorations will have been taken down and packed away until next December. And then it will be 2023!

So, here comes the obvious question. Are you going to make any New Year resolutions for 2023? If so, how do you choose which is the better resolution for you to focus on? Should you focus on better health for yourself? On better finances for you and your family? On better relationships with others? And of course, as your pastor I would have to ask, *"How about a resolution focusing on a better relationship with Christ?"* And what better way to focus on a better relationship with Jesus than by following him.

In one of the devotionals I have used, Bishop Rueben Job wrote this about following Jesus, *"To follow Jesus is to follow a God made known in the Scripture, history, nature, our innermost self, and – most of all—in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth."*

The phrase in the quote above that caught my eye is *"our innermost self."* When I think of my *"innermost self,"* I think of our souls, a place within ourselves where our deepest longings and thoughts are.

Do those deepest longings and thoughts reflect Christ? How can we be sure they do? This is one of the things I am going to try to focus on and make as one of my resolutions for 2023. But that's for me. I want to encourage you to find some time for yourself and seek where God is calling you to make a better life for yourself and others. Keep your focus on Christ and see where the Holy Spirit takes you in 2023.