



“Give Us **This** Day ...”

NEW YEAR 2022





Vision 2020

Bringing Faith into Focus for a Brand New Year



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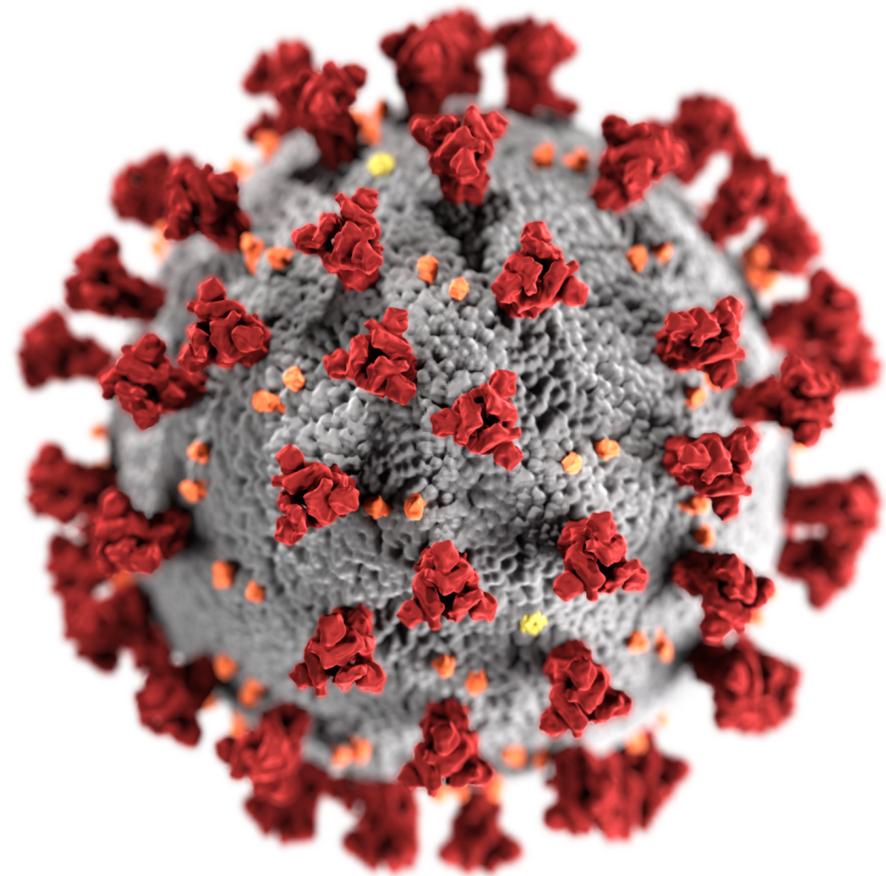
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A stylized globe with a network of red lines and dots overlaid, symbolizing global connectivity and the spread of a pandemic. The globe is rendered in shades of blue and cyan, with a textured surface. Red lines connect various points across the globe, representing a network or data flow. Some points are highlighted with red circles. The background is dark, making the glowing elements stand out.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

2020 VISION



**Shelter in
place, socially
distance, and
try to make it
through the
year**



Google

- ◆ 70 percent of pastors have struggled with depression.
- ◆ 40-50 percent of pastors feel so discouraged that they confess they'd leave ministry if they could find another job.





To live wisely, we need to look to the past and the future, but neither is a healthy place for us to dwell.

To live by faith is to live in this present moment.

1. Imprisoned by the Past
2. Fixated on the Future
3. Living by Faith in the Present

Ezra
3:11-13

With praise and thanksgiving they sang to the LORD: "He is good; his love toward Israel endures forever." And all the people gave a great shout of praise to the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who had seen the

Ezra
3:11-13

former temple, wept aloud when they saw the foundation of this temple being laid, while many others shouted for joy. No one could distinguish the sound of the shouts of joy from the sound of weeping, because the people made so much noise. And the sound was heard far away.

Haggai
2:3-7,9

'Who of you is left who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not seem to you like nothing? But now be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares the LORD. 'Be strong, Joshua son of Jozadak, the high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land,' declares the LORD, 'and work. For I am with you,'

Haggai
2:3-7,9

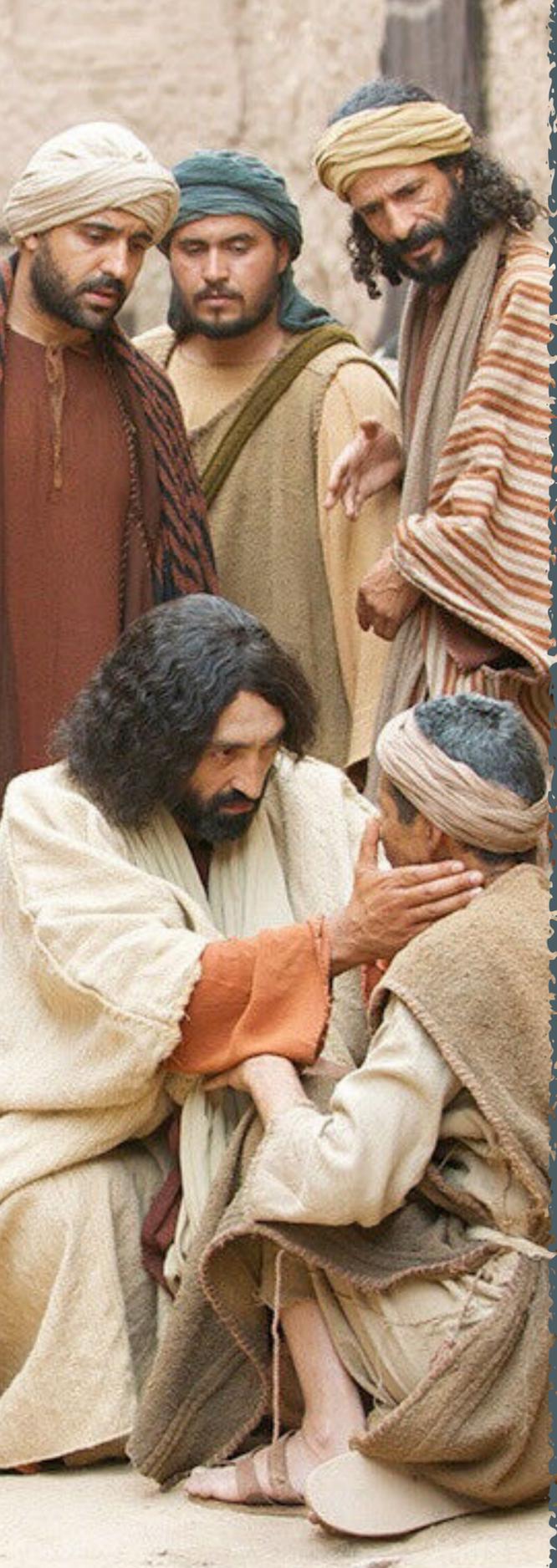
declares the LORD Almighty. 'This is what covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear.'

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what

Haggai
2:3-7,9

is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. ... 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."





John 9:1-3

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Celebrate the past,
learn from it, but
don't get stuck in it.

Ecclesiastes
2:18-21

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to

Ecclesiastes
2:18-21

despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.



Tim
Chaddick

We all write our autobiographies long before we live our lives. Sure, we make some edits and revisions along the way, but even in our youth we quickly develop ideas of how things should go, how our lives ought to play out. This vision of our life stories helps us determine and then track our dreams, goals, and expectations. After all, we are all living for something, right?

Matthew
6:25-27

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

Luke 24:17-21

He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.

One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

"What things?" he asked.



Luke 24:17-21

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.

The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.



God wants us not to dwell on
the past or be fixated on the
future, but to live in the humble
smallness and surrender of
each present moment.

Give us today our
daily bread.

(Matthew 6:11)



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Matthew
6:33-34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

When we are stuck in the past or
anxious about the future, we're
going to miss our invitation to
participate in the kingdom of God
that is right in front of us *today*.

