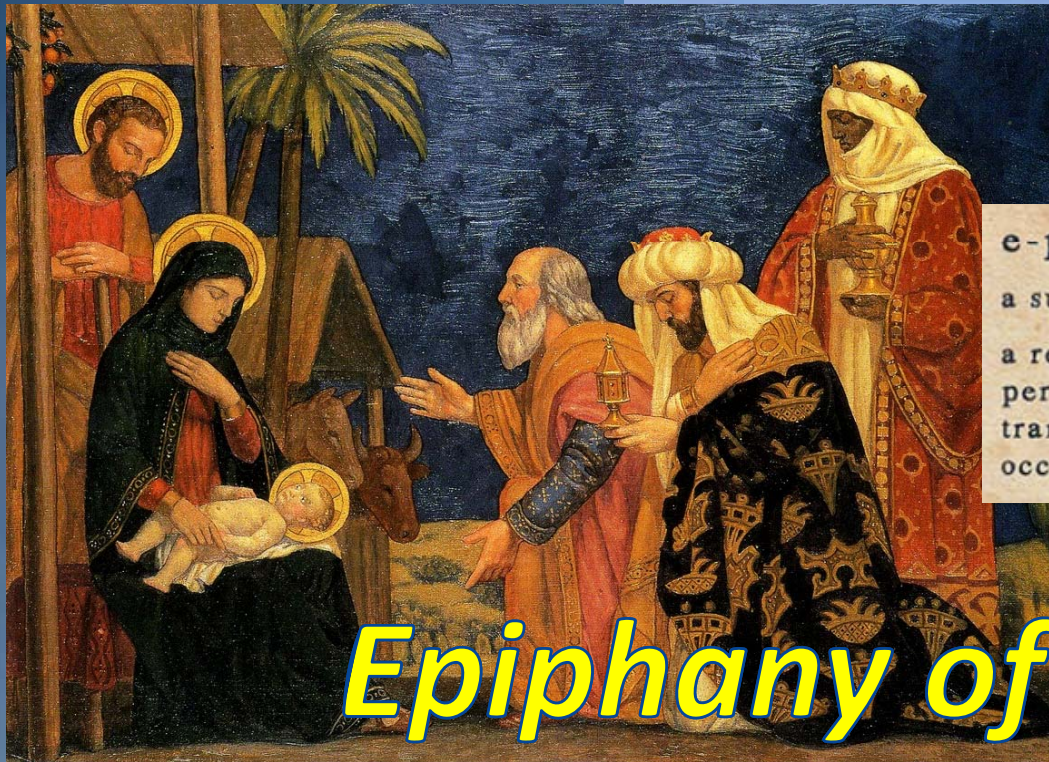


*The Twelve Days of Christmas
and Epiphany:
Celebrating "God With Us"*



e-piph-a-ny [ih-pif-uh-nee] noun
a sudden delightful encounter from another realm
a revelation of absolute truth, leading to a wise
perspective in the meaning of something that
transforms the reality of Jesus into an every day
occurrence

Epiphany of the Lord!

Sarah Dawn Designs

HAVE hope
TRY new things
BE active
SEE the good
SAY "I Love You," more
CHALLENGE yourself
CHOOSE to be happy
EAT better
ENJOY today
FORGIVE more readily
READ more often
BECOME your best you






New Year's Addresses...

1. With Christ - the Power of God - Jan. 6
2. As Apostles born of Christ - Jan. 13
3. Exclusively Inclusive - Jan. 20
4. As Co-workers in God's Service - Jan. 27
5. To Share One Loaf of the Bread - Feb. 3
6. As a Part of the Body of Christ - Feb. 10

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Sermon Series





***⁹ Love ...
Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good. ...
Honor one another above yourselves.***

***¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in
affliction, faithful in prayer.***

***¹³ Share with God's people who are
in need.***

Practice hospitality.

***¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you;
bless and do not curse.***

***¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice;
mourn with those who mourn.***

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another.

Romans 12:9-16

The Lord is
compassionate
and gracious,
slow to anger,
abounding in
love.

- PSALM 103:8 -

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Road to Christian Consensus



WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY | January 18 - 25

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that all of you agree with one another
in what you say and that there be no
divisions among you, but that you be
perfectly united in mind and thought.

1 Corinthians 1:10

2019 Theme

*"Justice, and
only justice, you
shall pursue..."*

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Run from Divisions, Disorders, Difficulties

	Divisions in the Church	Disorders in the Church	Difficulties in the Church	
Introduction (1:1-9)	Exposition (1:10-17)	Moral disorder (5:1-13)	Domestic difficulty—marriage and divorce (7:1-40)	Conclusion (16:10-24)
	Explanation (1:18-4:5)	Legal disorder (6:1-11)	Social difficulty—liberty and license (8:1-11:1)	
	Exhortation (4:6-21)	Carnal disorder (6:12-20)	Ecclesiastical difficulty—women and worship (11:2-34)	
		Practical difficulty—gifts and body (12:1-14:40)		
		Doctrinal difficulty—death and resurrection (15:1-58)		
		Financial difficulty—gifts and body (16:1-9)		
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are saved it is the power of God.
19 For it is written, I will destroy the
dom of the wise, and will bring to
understanding of the proud to
20 Where is the wisdom of
where is the wisdom of
God made
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according to the
the obedience of
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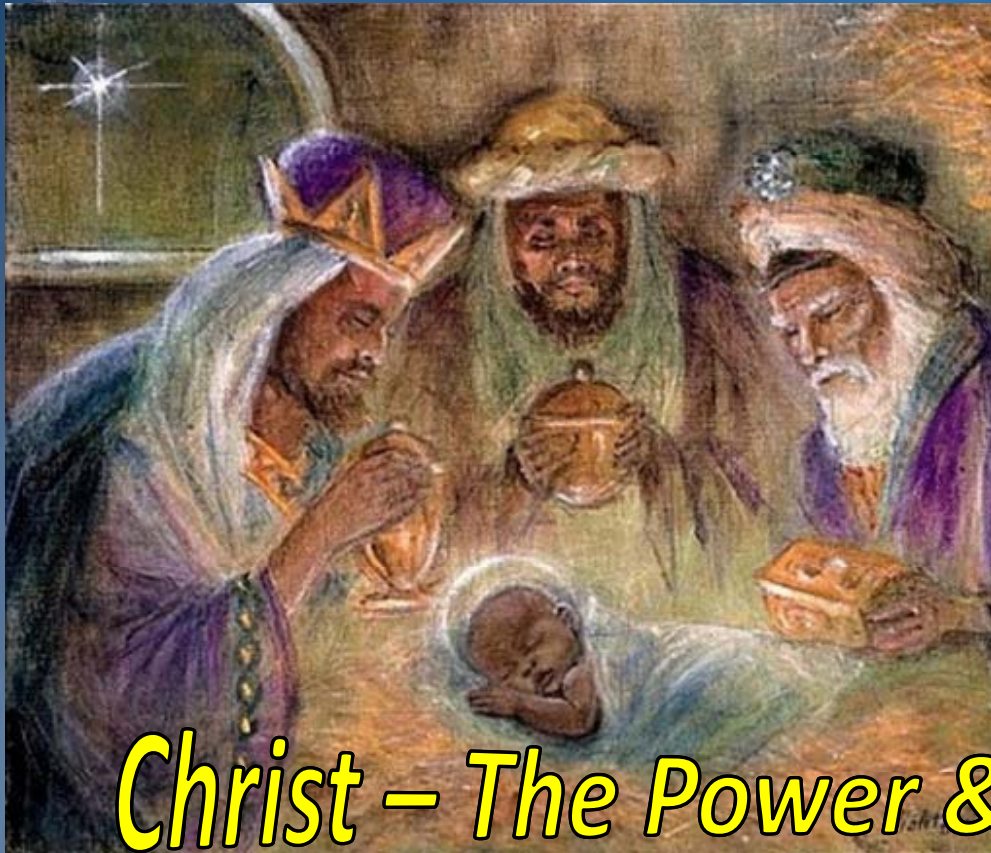
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Written prior to Gospels, Common Laws, etc.
Read Paul's Letters to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A Good Start with Christ



BUT TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED,
BOTH JEWS AND GREEKS, CHRIST IS
THE POWER OF GOD AND THE
WISDOM OF GOD; BECAUSE THE
FOOLISHNESS OF GOD IS WISER
THAN MEN, AND THE WEAKNESS OF
GOD IS STRONGER THAN MEN.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:24-25

Christ – The Power & Wisdom of God

1. A good beginning brings a good ending.



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Part 1. With Christ - The Power of God

1. A good beginning brings a good ending.

Although no
one can go back
and make a
brand new start,
anyone can
start from now
and make a
brand new
ending.

— — Carl Bard

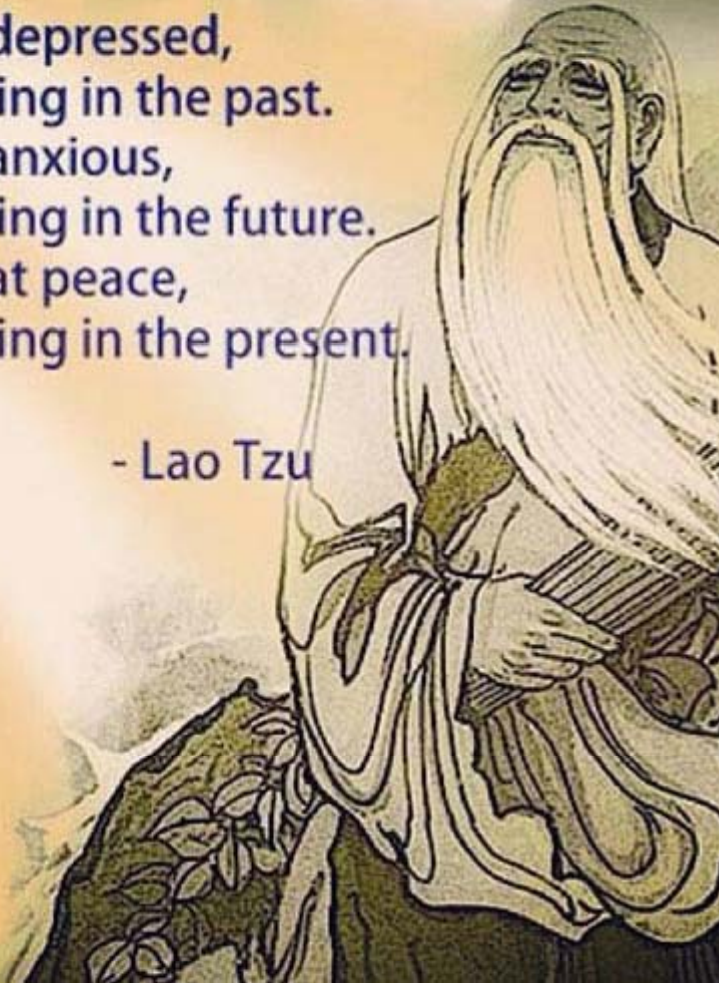
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1. A good beginning brings a good ending.

If you are depressed,
you are living in the past.
If you are anxious,
you are living in the future.
If you are at peace,
you are living in the present.

- Lao Tzu



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1. A good beginning brings a good ending.

Leaving ...

Seven Dangers to Human Virtue

1. Wealth without work
2. Pleasure without conscience
3. Knowledge without character
4. Business without ethics
5. Science without humanity
6. Religion without sacrifice
7. Politics without principle



What Good Start would you like to have this year?

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2. Begin this year with Christ – the power of God.



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2. *Begin this year with Christ – the power of God.*

Therefore, if anyone
is in Christ, he is a
new creation;
old things have
passed away; behold,
all things have
become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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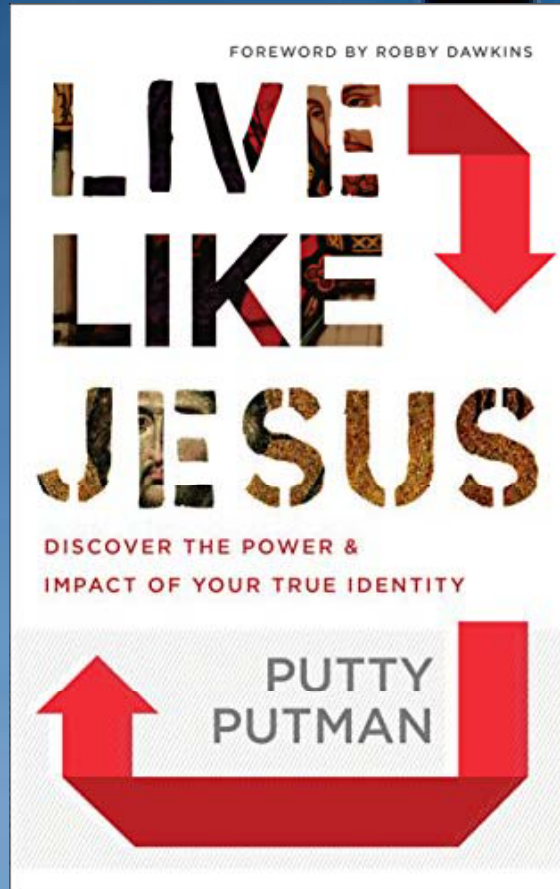
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↓ think...act...be like...
Jesus ↑

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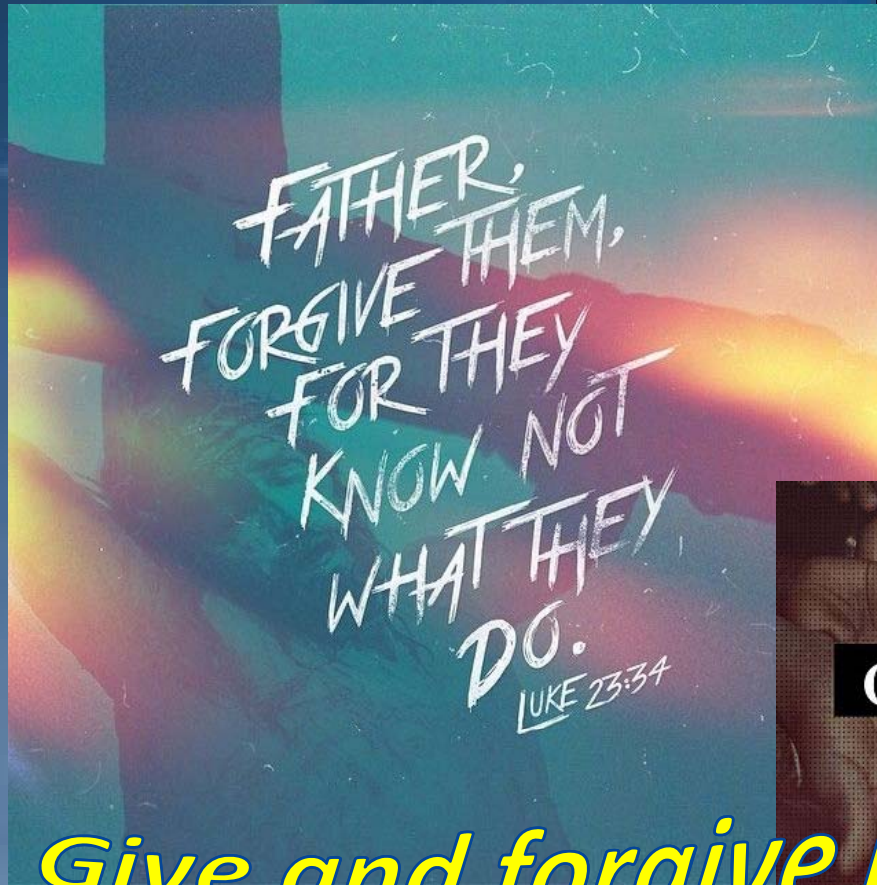
2. Begin this year with Christ – the power of God.

*“Through the Holy Spirit, we are **not just forgiven, but made new.** This new identity makes possible a thrilling life of impact, adventure, blessing, and true freedom--a life, like Jesus' own, that is connected to and empowered by a God who is, and does, more than we ever imagined.”*



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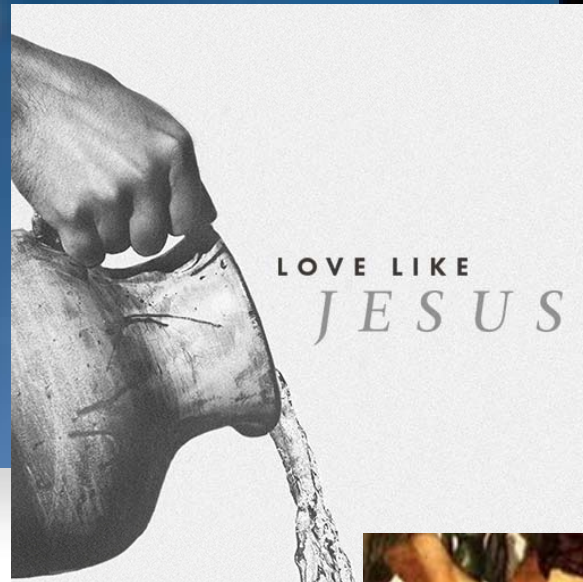


GIVE LIKE JESUS

Give and forgive like Him.

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3. Be perfectly united in mind and thought in the name of Jesus Christ.

A silhouette of a person in a dynamic, expressive pose, possibly dancing or performing, against a clear blue sky. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, with their right arm raised high and their left arm extended forward. A bright, glowing light source is positioned behind the person's lower body, creating a strong backlight effect and casting a long shadow to the left. The overall mood is one of energy and spiritual expression.

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It's about living beyond tradition.

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**2018 Uniting Methodists Conference:
Adam Hamilton Keynote**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO0e8BeaPf0>

One
Church
Plan

Traditional
Plan

Connectional
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Plan



Commission on a Way Forward Report

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3. Be perfectly united in mind and thought in the name of Jesus Christ.

M. Episcopal Church (1784-1939) → The Methodist Church(1939-68) The UMC → M.E. Church, South (1844-1939)

Methodist Protestant Church (1830-1939) by “Union Societies” in Baltimore, MD
populism spreading more power to the people



The United Methodist Church
Finding a way forward



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3. Be perfectly united in mind and thought in the name of Jesus Christ.

A LITTLE MORE
kindness.
A LITTLE LESS
judgement.

Be more loving.

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4. “For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.” (1 Corinthians 1:25)



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The Transforming
Grace of God

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4. *“For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.” (1 Corinthians 1:25)*

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

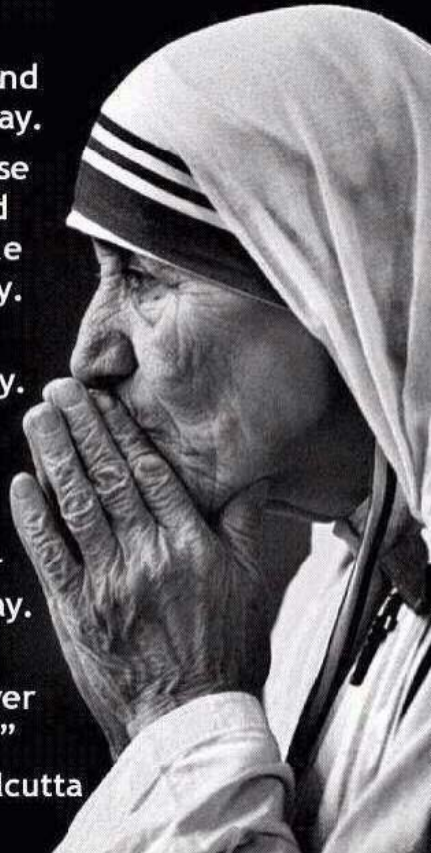
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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4. "For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength." (1 Corinthians 1:25)



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

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