



A NEW YEAR. A REFRESHED FOCUS

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## Warm Up

To shine most brightly for the Lord in these times, we need to be able to hear his voice and see things as He sees them. But hearing God's voice requires action on our part. First, we must withdraw to a quiet place and get alone with God – and be willing to wait in the stillness to hear what He has to say. We also need to read God's Word. God has spoken very clearly in His Word! We need to know what it says. If we learn to hear God's voice and meditate on the ideas that He gives us, the eyes of our heart will open to a new level of enthusiasm. Remember, enthusiasm is birthed in God's presence. And once you have a enthusiasm, you must be willing to take an action step toward its fulfillment. But when things don't happen as you think they will and discouragement begins to set in, do not give up.

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## Into The Bible

*"I will climb up into my watchtower and I will wait... And I will look to see what the Lord will say. Then the Lord gave me this answer: "Write down what I reveal to you so you can read it with a glance." Habakkuk 2:1-2*

- Talk about the personal time you spend with God. What does it look like? Do you have a specific place that you go? Do you make it a habit of reading your Bible every day?
- Talk about a time when you clearly heard the voice of God. How did you recognize his voice? What happened when you took the step he asked you to take?
- How will you take your enthusiasm for God and turn it into participation (action) this week?

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## Application

Identify a "altar" where you can get away from the busyness of life and relax in God's presence. Schedule a time every day for you to spend in this place. Buy a journal and begin writing down the thoughts the Lord lays on your heart during your time with Him.

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## Prayer Requests