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A Hopeful New Year

Another New Year is upon us. Where did the last 12 months go? A New Year represents new beginnings, new opportunities. 365 days lay ahead of each of us, where we can make new choices, change patterns, and write a new story.

One of my favorite things I love to buy before the New Year, is a new planner. I know, I am old school. Although I have a calendar on my computer and my phone, I still like the old fashioned planner calendar that is a book that I carry with me throughout the year. There is something exciting about the blank pages, that I get to fill in with important dates and events, things to do, dreams I have, and what I've accomplished.

To be honest, I hate writing on my planner when I first get it. I am hesitant to mark the clean, fresh, unmarked pages. Soon, the pages are filled with lots of marks. I love writing my to-do list on days, and then crossing out what I accomplished. Yes, I write in pen, and sometimes I have to scratch out something that gets cancelled and changed, and I don't mind the mess.

By the end of the year, the pages are marked, smeared, colorful and it shows all that my year included. I always spend the last week of the year, looking through my calendar and seeing what I did, what I didn't do, and quotes that struck me throughout the year that I recorded in my calendar. I also celebrate my successes, as well as I ponder my challenges.

A new year is 365 days of opportunities, but is also 365 days of failures. Even though I strive to live like Jesus, I fail many days. My heart becomes marked and filled with sin. But God's forgiveness is so much better than simply erasing my sin, or scratching it out. He forgives completely and wipes them completely away. 1 John 1:9 says, ***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*** Our sins are wiped completely away. Psalm 103:12 gives us another assurance, ***As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*** The east and west never meet, and once God forgives our sin, it is completely wiped away. Gone for good.

As you fill each day of 2022 with life events and memories, may you also fill your days with the Lord's love, grace and forgiveness.

INSPIRATIONAL IDEAS from the Territory

Anchorage Korean, AK ladies come every Saturday to prepare the fellowship snack served on Sunday after church.

Bellingham, WA women started meeting again together for the first time in almost two years. A fun craft they did, that was a first for most of the ladies, was tie-dying.

The **Broomfield, CO** Spanish Home League scheduled a night of bowling and a member brought a friend. They were able to be witnesses by opening praying and having a wonderful time of laughter and fellowship.

Federal Way, WA had a quarterly auction to raise money for World Services, and the Home League was an integral part of donating and preparing the food for this event.

The ladies in **Great Falls, MT** are meeting once a month for breakfast at a local restaurant.

Kenai, AK is using the book, *"The Chosen: 40 Days with Jesus"* for the devotional each week at their meeting.

Mat-Su Valley, AK held their WM Annual Luncheon with the theme "Dance with the Stars."

To raise funds for World Services **Salt Lake City, UT** held their first yard sale, while **Greely, CO** had a bazaar and raised \$60.00 towards their goal.

Vancouver, WA started a monthly Women's Craft Club that has an average of 7-10 ladies attending. Everyone pays a small fee to help cover the cost of the craft and the craft is usually based on the season and/or holidays.

Commissioner Colleen Riley—Territorial President of Women's Ministries

Colonel Donna Igleheart—Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries

Major Beth Desplancke—Territorial Women's Ministries Program Secretary

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Monthly Bible Trivia Question—Redirection

The New Year is a time to make goals and resolutions, and perhaps change directions. Each of these people redirected their lives. Match each person with the correct statement about his redirection.

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| 1. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:5-8) | a. from denier to preacher |
| 2. Onesimus (Philemon 1:11) | b. from doubter to believer |
| 3. Moses (Exodus 3:9-10) | c. from beggar to honoree |
| 4. Joseph (Genesis 37:28, 39:4) | d. from fugitive to leader |
| 5. Paul (Acts 9:1-6)... | e. from follower to traitor |
| 6. Peter (Mark 14:71) | f. from persecutor to persecuted |
| 7. Judas (Luke 6:16) . | g. from slave to brother |
| 8. Aaron (Exodus 4:14, 7:2) | h. from tax collector to benefactor |
| 9. David (1 Samuel 16:11-13) | i. from slave to ruler |
| 10. Thomas (John 20:25-27) | j. from obscurity to spokesman |
| 11. Lazarus (Luke 16:20-22) | k. from shepherd to king |

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AS FAR AS
 east
 IS FROM
 west

SO FAR HAS HE REMOVED
 OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US.
 Psalm 103:12

