

***“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20).***

It's a new year. I have been doing a lot of reading lately and listening to what the world has to say about this year 2021. Most economists and financial people think 2021 will be focused on recovery, and it is expected to usher in new sets of opportunities for the business community. Others feel that we haven't seen the worst of the Covid-19 and it's direct hit on larger populations of the people across the world.

Me? I'm somewhere in the middle trying to figure out what am I going to do with this year. While I could surf the internet and listen to the prophets of gloom, I want to be realistic and count our blessings, problems and count many opportunities that are opening for us. Yes, 2021 is going to be different.

Instead of reviewing the year past and creating a list of new year resolutions that inevitably disappear within the first few months of the new year, I like to begin the year thinking about goal setting. Goal setting is part of professional coaching. Last year I fulfilled all the requirements needed to maintain my ACC coaching status for another 3 years as a professional Coach. So, my first goal is to invest more time in coaching this year AND maintain a Coaching relationship with my personal coach growing my skills as a resource for others.

This means that I am available to you as a coach. Do you want to create some goals for your life and feel achievement within this year of recovery? Come and talk to me and let's see what God has planned for you in the months to come!

Goal setting is different than new year resolutions. Our faith reminds us that in Christ, nothing is impossible. We set goals and create a plan to help us move forward... to recover from past aches and pains. I will write more about my personal and professional goals for this year in my annual report from the Pastor. This report will be available in a few weeks!

We also will be setting some goals for the ministry of the church. Again, goal setting is different than a vision or long-range planning. Goals are calculatable and specific. The Council will be having a retreat in February to brainstorm and set these goals for the congregation. Our 2021 ministry plan will be designed to help you live the kind of life that Jesus honors and blesses. What does that life look like? It is one that glorifies God, grows to be like Jesus, and is equipped to go into the world.

In the meantime, my prayers and hopes for each new day include stronger health, growing generosity, and a congregation that will see multiplication through generous hearts. May God bless you each new day!

Peace,

Pastor Tony