

Community



Pastor's Corner

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2 Peter 3:13

"What we await are new heavens and a new earth where, according to God's promise, the justice of God will reside." What would your new earth be like?

We are rolling so quickly through this first month of the new year. Our new year's resolutions are getting old—or are completely over. We had great intentions—this year we were going to finally lose the weight or exercise at least three times a week or eat more veggies or start every morning with prayer. Our intentions are so good. Yet it is so hard to practice those changes day after day after day.

If we are to have any hope for make change in our lives weather it be in our spiritual lives or physical bodies we have to do it in community. We can't go it alone.

The statistics tell us that if you have a work out buddy or a diet partner your chances of long term success soar. Someone told me that she and her walking partner keep each other's shoes. After their walk at the mall they take home each other's shoes—then you have to come back the next day for the walk or else your friend won't have her shoes.

It is the same with our spiritual life too. A prayer partner can support you through those days when you just don't want to open your Bible or think you can't possibly have enough time for prayer or journaling.

"We must all learn to live together as brothers (and sisters) or we will all perish together as fools. We are tied together in the single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made; this is the way it is structured."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his last Sunday morning sermon on 3/31/1968 "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution"

I love this quote by Dr King. "I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be..." Let's be in this together as we await the new heaven and the new earth.

Find a partner to help you with your body-mind and spirit. This is the way God's universe is made and it is beautiful.

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