

Hope Chapel 2023 Theme – “Go the Extra Mile”

Message Summary: How many of you remember an Etch-A-Sketch? Wouldn't it be nice if we could all start over as easy as an Etch-A Sketch? Life may be a bit more complex than this classic toy, but I do believe we can all have the ability to reset our lives and get on a better path. No matter what season of life you are in, God has a marvelous plan for you in 2023 that is worth pursuing. I pray that the eyes of your understanding be opened, that you clearly hear His voice, and that you are strengthened to simply do what He says. There are great victories awaiting you!

**Reset Your Life &
Make 2023 a Better Year**
Psalm 85:8-9

1. The Choice to Change - Proverbs 24:3

- A. Reject the myth that your life will just get better.
- B. Find God's direction for the New Year.

#1 – Reserve a few hours.

#2 – Find the place/spot where you won't be distracted.

#3 – Take your Bible, journal, and a pen/pencil.

#4 – Start by letting Jesus know that He is your Lord.

#5 – Begin asking God for direction regarding various roles:

- As God's child.
- My – Physical and emotional well-being.
- As husband to my spouse
- As Provider – get clear direction
- As a Father & Grandfather – three adult children/their spouse/10 grandchildren
- As a Minister/pastor – Various roles I play
- Extended family members

#6 – Title it **God's Direction for 2023.**

2. The Choice to Risk - Luke 10:32

- A. Fear is what keeps you from taking risks.
- B. Risk is what a life of faith looks like.

3. The Choice to Grow - Jeremiah 29:11

- A. Develop a plan for personal growth.
- B. Develop a plan for spiritual growth.
- C. Develop a plan for relational growth.
- D. Develop a plan for professional growth.

All LifeGroups are on Holiday Break until January 23rd

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you need to reset your life as you enter 2023? If so, what factors indicate this may be necessary?
2. How often do we simply hope life gets better without making any real changes? Why do we so quickly go down a victim mentality instead of embracing the power we have in making choices? What does Deuteronomy 30 tell us?
3. What fears are you facing that is keeping you from the life of faith Jesus calls you to live? What risks are you afraid to take? How can you overcome them?
4. Why is it so easy to become stagnant? Do you have any plans for your own growth this year? Discuss the various areas where growth is needed.
5. Do you need a relational reset? Are you making choices so that you are developing the right kind of relationships?