

Four Resolutions for the New Year

I. I commit myself to receiving continuous supernatural encounters with God.

- A. Jesus said that we enter the Kingdom of God by being born of the Spirit (John 3:3-8).
- B. Jesus commanded His disciples to wait and receive the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8).
- C. The central question for every believer, in every nation, all the time is “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” (Acts 19:1-6). Are you a good receiver?
- D. We bear fruit from our experience with the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-25). And the greatest of all is an encounter with the love of God (Ephesians 3:16-19).
- E. The pillars of supernatural encounter
 - 1. Faith fueled by hunger, releasing you into the wildness of God’s heart (Acts 2:1-6, 13-21, 43).
 - 2. Prayer, communion, worship, and thanksgiving (Acts 2:42; I Thessalonians 5:16-19; Ephesians 5:17-20)

II. I commit myself to hearing and obeying God’s voice (Matthew 4:4).

- A. Scripture is alive and reveals God (II Timothy 3:16).
- B. New revelation does not conflict with the Scriptures (Matthew 4:4).
- C. The New Testament Age is the age of revelation. God likes to talk (Acts 2:15-18, 42).
- D. Love, hearing, and obedience (John 15:9-10; 5:19-20)
- E. A commitment to discerning God in everyday life: God in our Bible, God in nature, God in our circumstances, God in our encounters with other people.
- F. Supernatural guidance comes through various delivery systems: inner witness, a surge of faith (Acts 3:4-6), the written Word of God, prayer, and worship.

III. I commit myself to God’s cause in the earth (Matthew 28:18-20; 24:14).

- A. We purposely release God’s Kingdom (authority) into the world with supernatural prayer, power, and revelation (Matthew 6:9-10; 10:7-8).
- B. We make the most of every opportunity (Colossians 4:2-6).
- C. We are God’s bold witnesses to the world (Acts 4:29-31).
- D. We are committed to being givers first, yet expecting to reap an abundance from the Lord (Acts 4:32-35; II Corinthians 9:6-11).
- E. We make the world taste good (Matthew 5:13). We act like Jesus toward the weak of the world (Isaiah 61:1-3).

IV. I commit myself to having clear personal relationships and to a broader Christian community where God is revealed and experienced.

- A. God gives us a specific place and people to give to and receive from (Acts 2:42-47).
- B. New Testament believers met in large, public settings and smaller, more intimate places (Acts 2:46; 20:20).
- C. Above all, we love by serving, honoring, and forgiving each other (I Peter 4:8-11; Romans 12:9-21).
- D. Together we create a safe place in the world (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).