



Moving Forward in Confidence, Anchored in Him

Dear TC Families,

This time of year naturally invites reflection. We think about starting again, not merely beginning something new, but realigning our hearts, habits, and priorities with what truly matters. While New Year's resolutions often begin with good intentions, many fall away quickly. Studies suggest that as many as 91% are abandoned within the first month.

So, should we resign ourselves to failure? Absolutely not. That is not what God's Word teaches us.

“No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace.”

Hebrews 12:11

Faithful growth requires discipline - daily surrender, prayer, and quiet time with the Lord to ensure that what we pursue is aligned with His will. It also requires perseverance: the resolve to resist distractions that pull us backward rather than forward. The enemy is quick to whisper discouragement when progress feels slow or difficult. When we attempt this journey in our own strength, it can feel overwhelming, and almost always impossible.

But Scripture reminds us there is a better way.

**“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength;
they will soar on wings like eagles.”**

Isaiah 40:31

There is no perfect moment to begin, only the daily choice to walk in step with Him. Each morning, God graciously offers us the gift of beginning again. When we embrace this truth, we experience His strength, peace, and presence in deeply personal and sustaining ways.

As you look ahead to the coming year, we encourage you to begin by placing every plan before the Lord. Do not allow regret over missed beginnings to keep you from faithful obedience today. While it may be true that the best time to plant an oak tree was twenty years ago, the next best time is today.

Let us model this truth for our children and students, that when God calls us forward, we walk in faith. And when we stumble or stray from the path, His mercy meets us anew each morning, inviting us to trust and obey once again.

As we step into the new year, we do so together as the Turlock Christian family, the Body of Christ, each one uniquely gifted, yet united in purpose and anchored in Him. As partners in the discipleship and education of our students, we faithfully offer our God-given talents to His work, trusting Him to multiply them for Kingdom impact. Together, we shape hearts, strengthen families, and influence our students, churches, and community as we walk forward in confidence and obedience, trusting God to accomplish far more than we could imagine, all for His glory.

With gratitude and hope in faith, family and future,

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