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**January 1st, 2023**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**What might we be able to accomplish this new year for the kingdom of God?**

* **\_\_\_ can do \_\_\_\_\_l things through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who strengthens \_\_\_\_. *(Philippians 4:13)***

**We have taken time to build up our confidence after many attempts by Satan to destroy it!**

**-And he will try again so always be watching!**

**Our new focus for 2023 is “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seed.”**

***Our new focus is geared to take our confidence in God to the next level.***

**Jesus teaches the value of a grounded and lively faith. A faith that is visible and active every day. James teaches us that if we say we have faith but are not active in it, our faith is actually dead!**

**“So also faith by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, if it does not have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, is dead.” *(James 2:17)***

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Is an example of someone of “little faith”**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_- Is an example of someone who had “great faith”**

**As we work diligently to let our faith develop like the mustard seed in Matthew 13 we will take hold of new opportunities to serve God and one another.**

**By developing our faith in God we will be pleasing to Him.**

* **We will be more zealous to tell others about His Word & His Son**
* **We will have a greater focus on growing closer together as a family**
* **We will find a strength that will weather the most difficult trials this life has to offer**

**May the Lord work mightily in your life this year! May He bless all of us here at Laurel Canyon as we work together!**