

## “Seeding” the New Year

Hope! Hope is what motivates us forward! It is those promises of God that have taken enough root in our hearts so as to produce even the beginnings of expectation and excitement – that’s hope!

New Year is a time we experience a refreshing hope. It is a reminder that God makes all things new and that you and I live in God’s new birth, new mercies, and new covenant. It is a good time to declare,

*“In Christ, I am a new creation; the old has gone and the new has come!” 2 Cor.5:17*

On what can we base such confidence, such hope? On all the promises of God having been declared “Yes!” and “Amen!” in Jesus Christ our Lord.

And faith is simply the *evidence* of things hoped for.

What are you hoping for in this coming year? What good things may be added to your home, your marriage, your children, your spiritual life? What about hopes for unsaved family members, friends or co-workers and neighbours? What hopes have you for your business, your career, health, finances, and your walk through this year with Jesus?

Remember, faith is simply the evidence (being sure of) of things hoped for.

**Hope is the seed from which faith grows.**

Let’s plant seeds at the beginning of this new year...

*Seeds for marriage and family*

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*Seeds for those unsaved*

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*Seeds for business, career, finances, opportunities*

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*Seeds for spiritual growth and strength*

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Marcia and I expect 2012 will be the most fulfilling and satisfying year, in every area of life, any of us have yet experienced. We believe God will satisfy desires of our hearts as we pursue his kingdom and his righteousness. Entering the year 2012 we know God is pregnant with blessing for each of us. God's Spirit is poised to deliver healing, restoration, creatively brilliant ideas and solutions, financial wisdom and release, and all manner of revelation and manifestations of his power.

That may sound like a lot! – and it is!! God is abundantly rich and generous in every way and is so eager to bless us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

We know the potential is there. We invite you to be inspired to plant those seeds of potential into *your* life and the lives of your family this year. It takes a decision and an action of faith. The potential inside the seed is not visible to us but we believe it is there and we act on it; preparing the ground, planting the seed, watering and watching for its germination.

God says to us,

*“Sow for yourselves righteousness,  
reap the fruit of unfailing love,  
and break up your unplowed ground;  
for it is time to seek the Lord until he comes  
and showers righteousness on you.”*

We are praying for you; praying for faith small as mustard seed or as large as a coconut. We also pray for courage to plant the seeds and perseverance as we anticipate their growth.

By faith, 2012 will be a year of fruitful harvest in God's economy that shows the glory of God to a world that is losing hope.

*“Now to him that is able to do exceedingly more than all we ask and imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever.”*



Pastor Jonathan and Marcia

1) Hosea 10:12 2) Ephesians 3:20-21

## Seeding 2012

*“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for*



*...and certain of what we do not yet see.*

*This is what the ancients were commended for.”*

**Hebrews 11:1-2**

## Planting a faith garden