



KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

God First

Pastor Carl

START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

Do you have a plan when it comes to 2023? Is it something you do every year or just this year? How do you feel about this brand new year?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Joshua 24:15

- Joshua made a decision to serve the Lord. As we approach a New Year, what does it mean for you serve and follow Jesus in 2023?
- Are there some ways in which you need put God First in 2023 that he wasn't in 2022?

Pastor Carl shared from **1 Samuel 30: 3 - 6** where David finds himself, along with his men in Ziklag, a place of pressing. David had to make a decision and choose how he would respond to the situation in front of him. When those around him lost their heads, David's decision stood out all the more.

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Read **1 Samuel 30:3 -7; 18-19** and **2 Samuel 5:3**

- David strengthened himself in the Lord. Where do you find strength?
- Does David's actions encourage you to think differently about this?

Take a moment to pray that God would strengthen each person in the group.

In this message Pastor Carl shared three declarations for this New Year that we can speak and believe together:

1. A Year of **Total Declaration** (1 Samuel 30:7)
2. A Year of **Deep Restoration** (1 Samuel 30:18-19)
3. A Year of **Divine Clarity** (2 Samuel 5:3)

What encourages you about these declarations for 2023?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

As a group commit together to stand in faith for 2023 and why not share some prayer targets for the New Year, write them down and see how God answers them throughout the year.

KEEP PRAYING

- Take some time to pray for one another and for LGCC that this would be a significant year of faith for us individually and as a church.