

☞ *Putting an End to “Woulda, Coulda, Shoulda”* ☞

**"You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great."
John C. Maxwell**

Friends, how true it is! The Bible is replete with the life stories of ordinary people acting in faith and being used by God to accomplish extraordinary things. Likewise, we are quite ordinary folk who are part of an ordinary church in an ordinary community. But God loves to use the ordinary for his great purposes!

As we step into the New Year together, let's challenge one another to put an end to "woulda, coulda,, shoulda." Let's seek God's guidance and set "great" goals for the year ahead. **In Isaiah 40:3 the Lord says, "Forget about what has happened before. Do not think about the past. Instead, look at the new things I'm going to do."** Our God is a God of fresh starts and new beginnings. Don't let the fear of the past hamper your growth in the future. God is far more interested in your future than he is in your past. After all, that's where you'll be spending the rest of your life!

Proverbs 16:9 says, "We should make our plans, counting on God to direct us." Let's act in faith by setting some God directed goals together for the New Year. Let's watch God do extraordinary things through our ordinary lives.

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