

So, as we begin our new journey in 2026 but beyond all the noises of fresh planners and goal-setting challenges, let us remember that there's something much more reliable and timeless available to us: the steady, unchanging truth of God's Word that is filled with unshakable promises. During 2026 I would like us to always remind ourselves of these spiritual truths:

- 1. God is closer than your worries:** As you enter 2026, remember that your fears don't push God away they pull Him closer. He meets you in the heaviness and lifts what you cannot carry alone. Psalm 34:18 ***"The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."***
- 2. Peace doesn't mean life is calm; it means God is present:** This year will not be perfect, but God's peace is strong enough to anchor you in every season. Peace is a gift not a reward for having a problem-free life. John 14:27 ***"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."***
- 3. Some battles become easier the moment you hand them to God:** You don't have to solve everything. You don't even have to understand everything. Let God fight what's too heavy for your heart. Exodus 14:14 ***"The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still."***
- 4. Grace fills the spaces where your strength runs out:** You don't need to be strong all the time. God's grace was designed for your weak moments. 2 Corinthians 12:9 ***"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'."***
- 5. God's love is the one thing that won't change this year:** People will disappoint us and let us down. Circumstances will constantly change and often unexpectedly, but God's love will always remain steady and unshaken. Romans 8:38–39 ***38: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."***