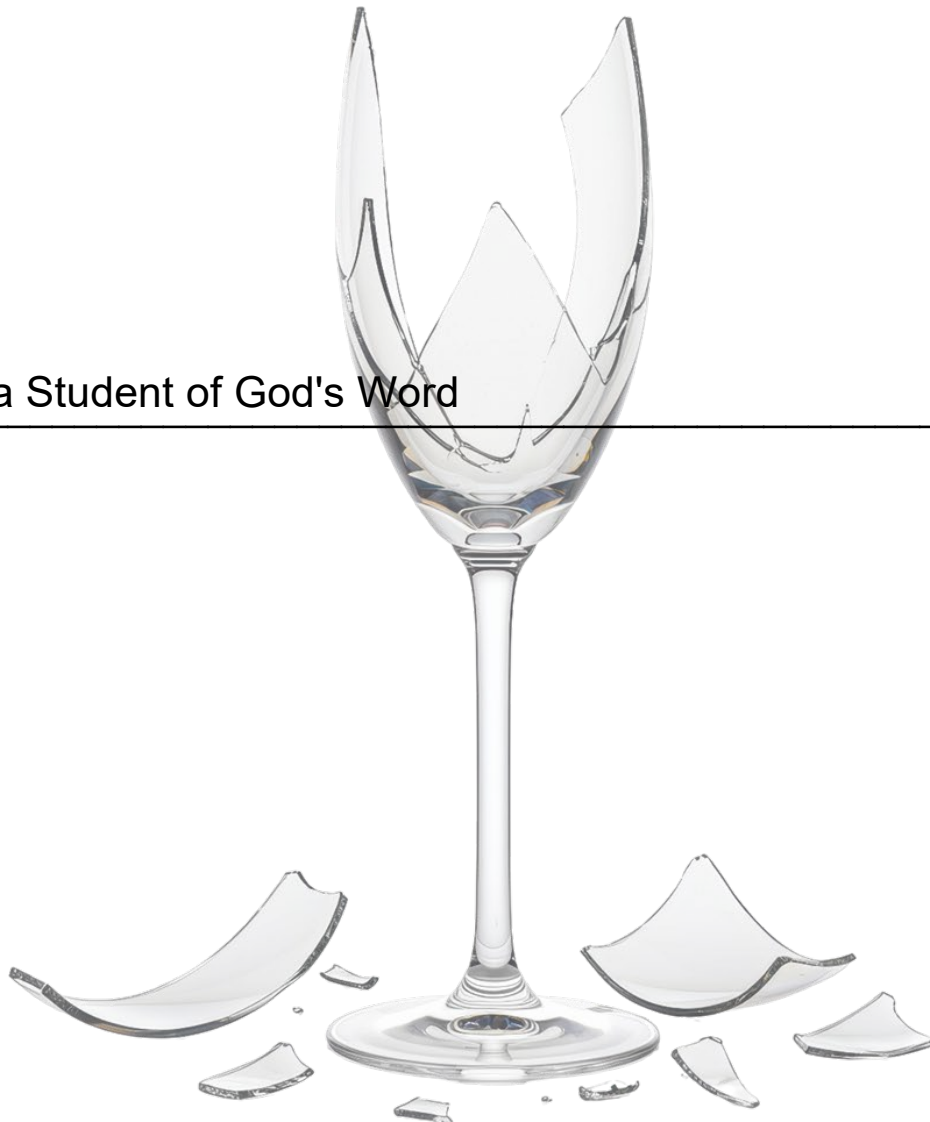


“Happy” New Year?

“ How to Handle the Challenges of 2026 ”

1. Remember God Does Great Things in Hard Times vv. 10-13

2. Be a Student of God's Word vv. 14-18



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life.

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

To learn more or join a group, visit pacificcoastchurch.org/grow-groups or sign up at the patio Info Kiosk.

GROW GROUPS ARE CURRENTLY ON NEW YEAR'S BREAK

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message. A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons.

MONDAY // Read Matthew 2:10-13

- Explain how Joseph might have felt when he heard the angel's instructions to escape to Egypt.
- How was God working and providing for Joseph and Mary even in the midst of challenging times?
- What does this teach you about your expectations in the upcoming year? How does it encourage you?

TUESDAY // Read Matthew 2:13-15, 1 Peter 1:1-7, Romans 5:1-5

- In your own words, explain the truth presented in today's scriptures.
- How can challenging times help with spiritual growth? Why is this counterintuitive for daily living?
- What Egypt experience do you need to bring before the Lord? Take time now to pray about it.

WEDNESDAY // Read Matthew 2:13-14, Acts 16:16-34

- How do you respond when you feel hurt, pain, or struggle? How are you tempted to medicate?
- What can happen to your spiritual life when you don't have a biblical view of pain? Be specific.
- How were the experiences of Joseph, Mary, Paul and Silas a testimony to this truth?

THURSDAY // Read Matthew 2:14-18, Psalm 1:1-2, 119:105, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16

- How was God encouraging Joseph and Mary by referencing the Old Testament?
- In what way can this same encouragement occur with Christians today? Be specific.
- Describe your experience with the study of God's word in 2025. How can you step it up in 2026?

FRIDAY // Read Matthew 2:17, Jeremiah 31:10-17

- How is Jeremiah 31 both a message of warning and of hope? (Hint: Israel's exile and restoration)
- What was Matthew highlighting about King Herod's murderous actions by referring to Jeremiah 31?
- How was this also a message of warning and of hope? (i.e., sinful actions of man and redemption)

SATURDAY // Read Matthew 2:15, Hosea 11:1, Exodus 12:31-42

- Why was it always important for the Jews to remember the days when they were slaves in Egypt?
- In what way does this relate to Joseph and Mary bringing Jesus out of Egypt after Herod died?
- How would this have been an encouragement? How does this encourage you heading into 2026?

MEDITATION VERSE: *28And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*
Romans 8:28