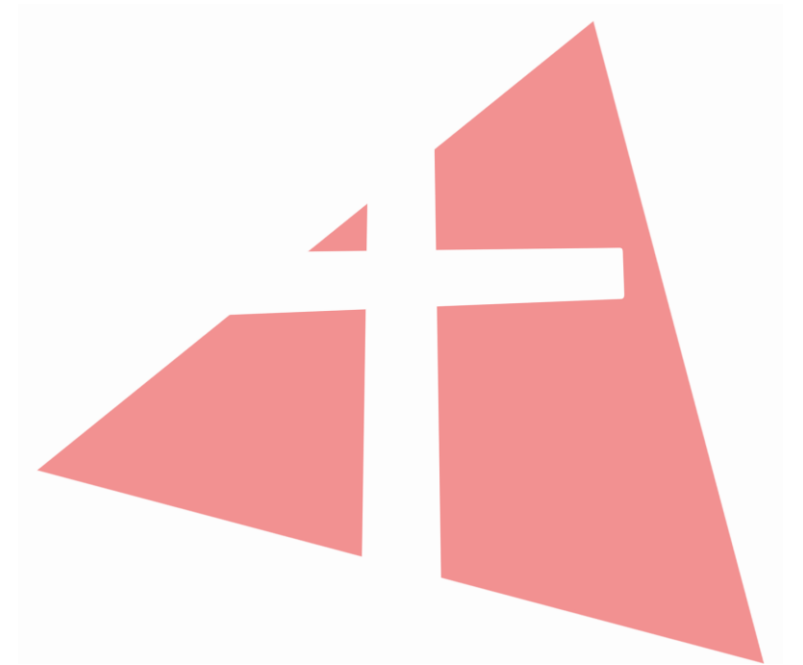


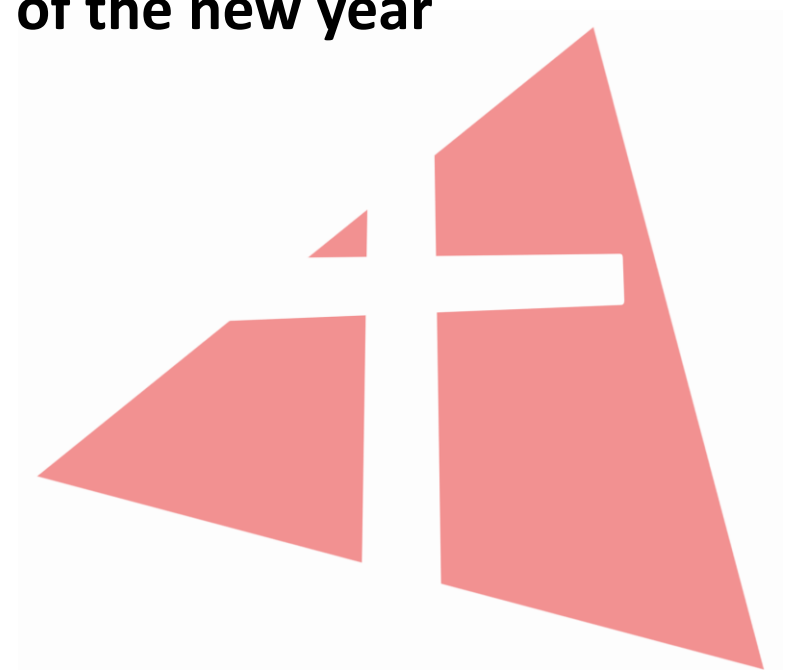
Glass-Half-Full? Glass-Half-Empty? Overflowing?

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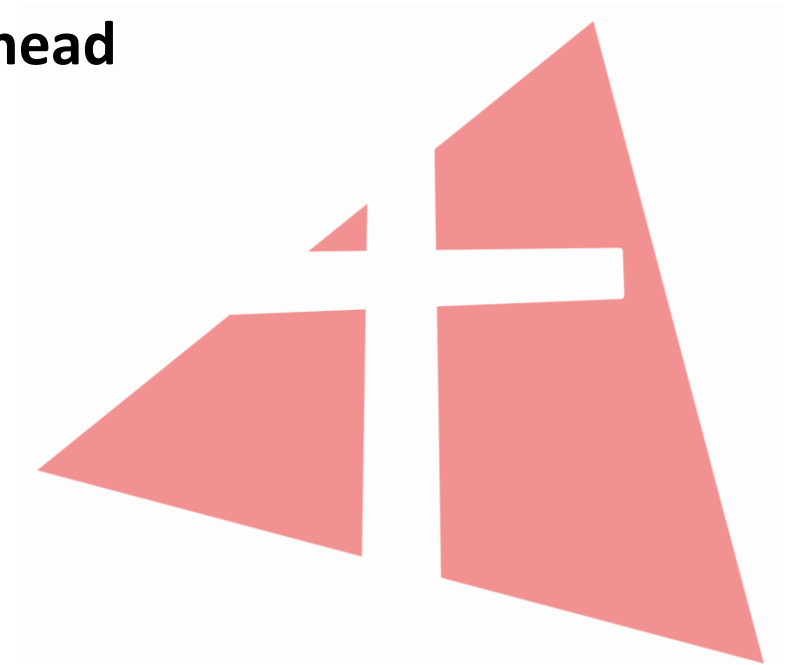
Beginning 2025

- **We'll have a bit of a different format for the first few Sundays of the new year**
 - Shorter Sermon
 - Reflection Time
 - Sharing Time



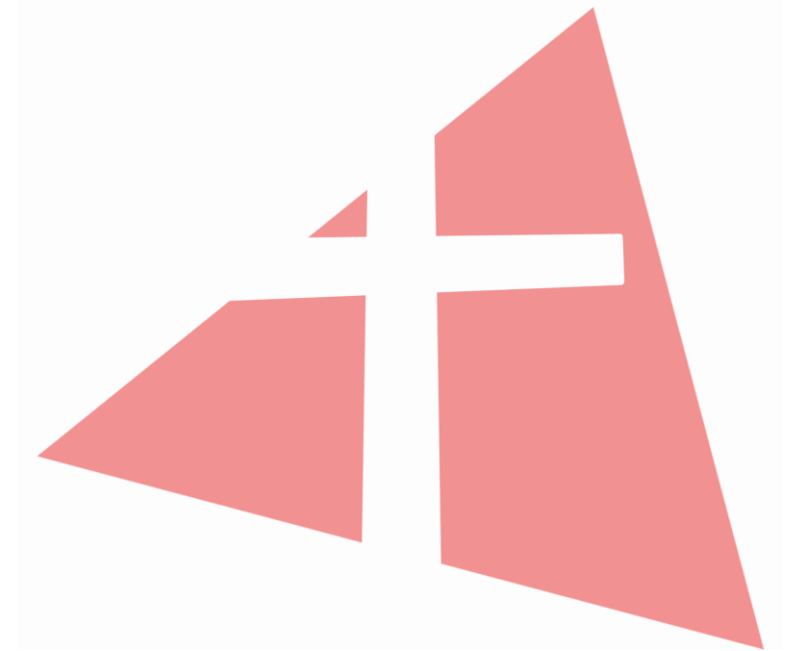
Year Change

- **Many people use the change of the year to reflect and look ahead**
 - How did the previous year go?
 - What do I want to see in the new year?



Looking Back

- **When looking at the previous year, there will always be good stuff and bad stuff**
- **Most people look at life from one of two angles**
 - Glass-Half-Full attitude
 - Glass-Half-Empty attitude



Psalm 23

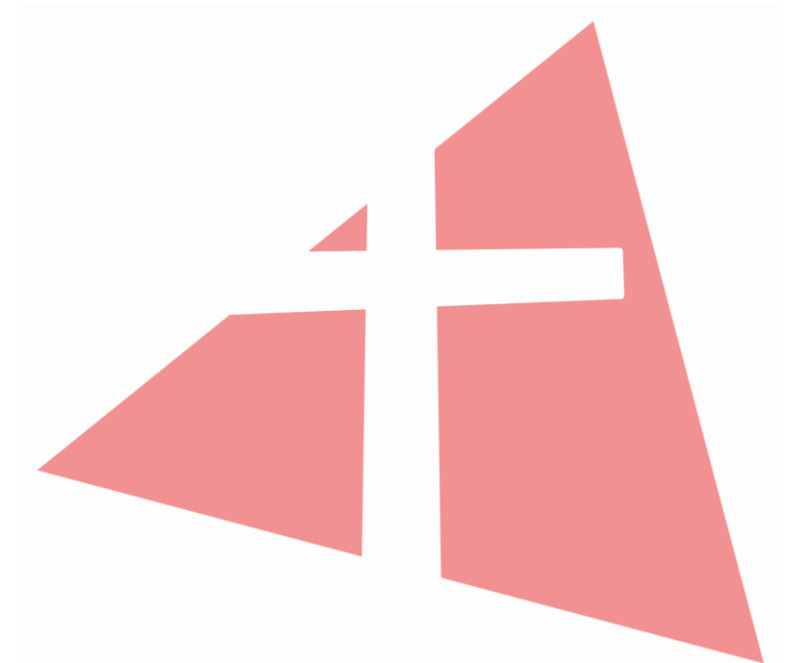
Psalm 23:1-6 (KJ2000) The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



Paul's Instructions

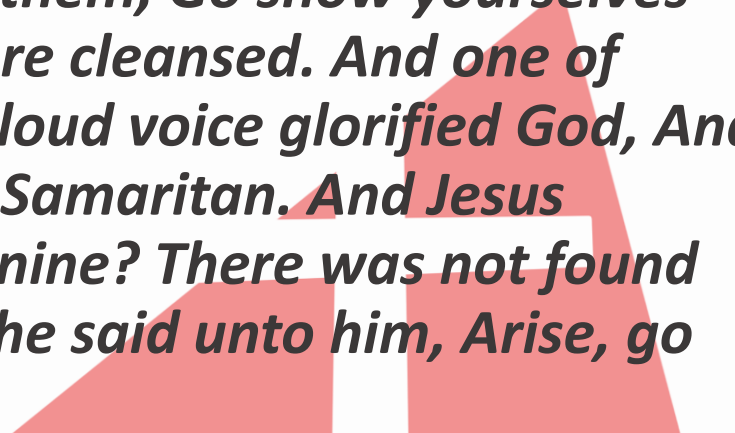
1 Thessalonians 5:18 (KJ2000) In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- **A Commandment**
- **An offer**
- **A choice**



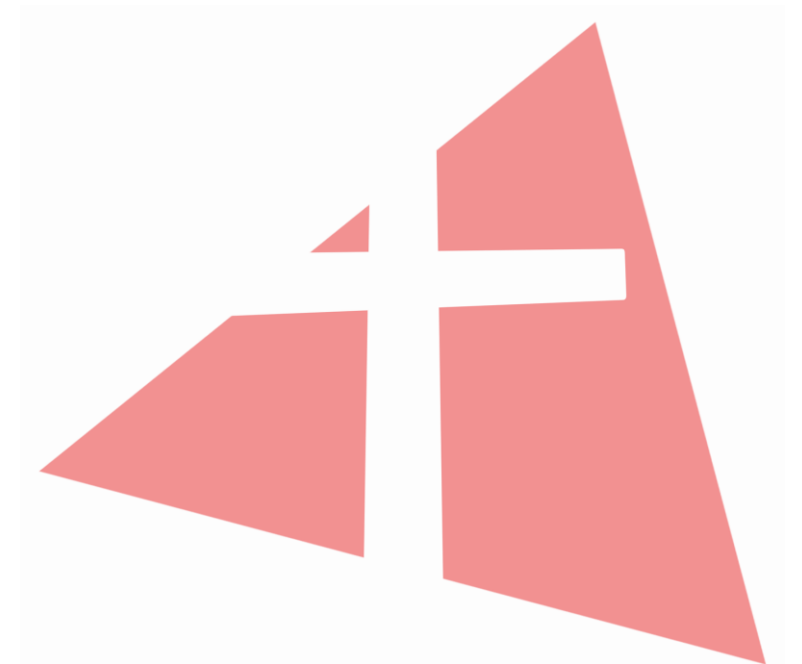
The Ten Lepers

Luke 17:11-19 (KJ2000) And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Teacher, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There was not found one that returned to give glory to God, except this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go your way: your faith has made you whole.



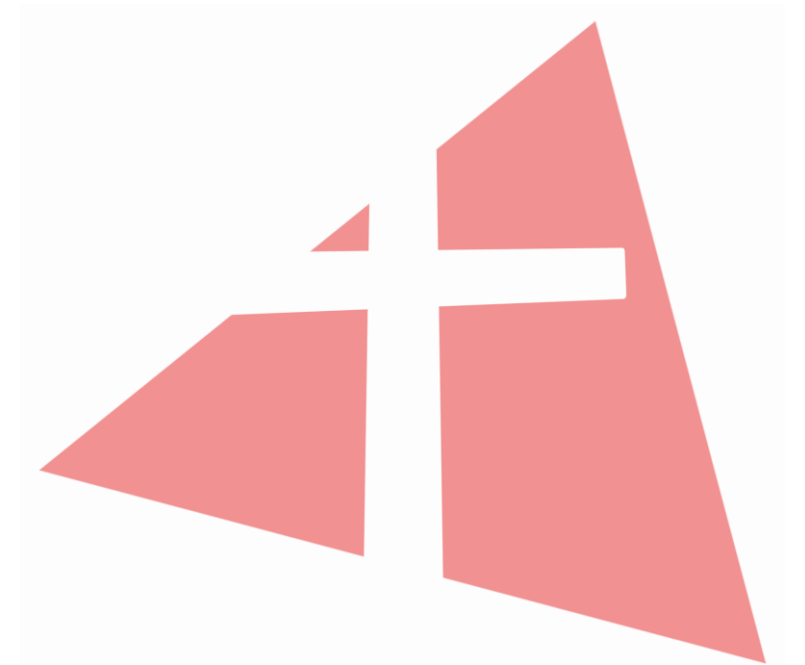
God's Way

- **Not**
 - Glass-Half-Full
 - Glass-Half-Empty
- **Instead: Overflowing**



God'S Way Of Reflecting on 2024

- **Always give thanks**
- **See the challenges and failures in light of God's Promises**



Rest of our Time Together

- **Personal Reflection/Soaking**
- **Sharing**
- **Prayer**

