

Resolutions

Resolution #1: A Resolution For Difficult Times

I resolve in 2025 to...

Deuteronomy 1:27 *The Lord must hate us. That's why he has brought us here from Egypt—to hand us over to the Amorites to be slaughtered.*

a) Make this your _____

Psalm 62:3-4 *So many enemies against one man— all of them trying to kill me. To them I'm just a broken-down wall or a tottering fence. They plan to topple me from my high position. They delight in telling lies about me. They praise me to my face but curse me in their hearts.*

Psalm 62: 11-12 *Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours.*

b) Don't let continual bad news _____

Numbers 14:3 *Why is the Lord taking us to this country only to have us die in battle? Our wives and our little ones will be carried off as plunder! Wouldn't it be better for us to return to Egypt?*

c) _____

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How would I behave if I believed God was indescribably strong and my loving Father who cares about everything in my life?

Matthew 8:8 *Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed.*

"God, I don't know what this means. I don't know why this is happening. but I know it has nothing to do with how much you love me. It has nothing to do with the fact I am your child. And I refuse to believe anything bad about you."

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I've Pictured God As...

___ **An angry teacher**, disappointed that I can't get it right.

___ **A distant relative**, family yes, but not directly invested.

___ **A scolding parent**, always disappointed and critical, expecting perfection

___ **Wimpy**; Weak, indecisive, and unable to provide real help

___ An **indifferent stranger**: Uncaring, uninterested, and unconcerned with my well-being

___ **A carnival barker**: Presenting 3 cups and making me guess: Manipulative and hiding the truth

___ **A puppeteer**: Controlling, dictating my every move, and limiting my freedom.

___ **A kind old grandpa**: Loving, caring, but out of touch and unable to relate to my modern life.

___ **An abusive parent**: Harsh, punitive, and demanding obedience without love.

___ **An insecure friend**: Seeking validation and approval from me, rather than offering support.

___ **A greedy king**: Self-centered, demanding my loyalty and worship above all else.

___ **A manipulative mother**: Coercing me into doing what she wants, using guilt or emotional blackmail.

___ **A golden retriever**: Happy-go-lucky, carefree, and oblivious to my struggles.

___ **A fickle friend**: Sometimes there, sometimes not, depending on His mood or behavior.

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He will not trick or tease you.

He will not laugh at or make fun of you.

He will not talk about you behind your back, stab you in the back or tell you to be more like your sister or brother.

He will not cheat on or betray you.

His eyes are not narrowed at you.

His ears are not closed to you.

His nose is not turned up at you.

His hands are not harsh with you, and you do not leave a bad taste in his mouth.