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YOUR BEST YEAR YET: Jan. 5

2025 will be the <u>BEST</u> year of your life <u>IF</u> it is your <u>BEST</u> year spiritually.

Three keys for a spiritually significant 2025:

1. Your <u>heart</u> would be SOFTENED.

"A Christian does not always do extraordinary things. He does ordinary things in extraordinary ways." (George H. Morrison)

2. Your faith would be STRETCHED.

Faith means following without knowing where.

- 3. Your walk would be STRENGTHENED.
- -"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." John Wooden
- -"We all have a Spiritual heart disease, and it's called sin!"-Billy Graham.

Luke 2:39-52 ESV

The Return to Nazareth

³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

The Boy Jesus in the Temple

41 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents[a] saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." **49** And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"[b] 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. **51** And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature[<u>c</u>] and in favor with God and man.

- 1. Make a plan for intellectual growth. (WISDOM)
- 2. Make a plan for physical growth. (STATURE)
- 3. Make a plan for spiritual growth. (SPIRITUAL)

4. Make a plan for relational growth. (RELATIONAL)