

January 17, 2016  
Thinking about 2015/2016  
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1. What is one of your best memories of 2015?
2. Was there anything that happened last year that would make you say, “Good riddance to 2015”?
3. Did God seem to do a “miracle” in one of your relationships this past year?
4. Joe’s Muslim Egyptian camper, Freddy, finally accepted Jesus because he loved him.  
\*When and why did you accept Jesus?  
\*Do you think in our Christian walk there’s a sense of continual renewed acceptance of Jesus? Explain how this might be true.
5. Read II Corinthians 12:9-10.  
\*Have you ever experienced the power of Jesus “made perfect in (your) weakness”?  
\*Read Paul’s prayer for believers in Ephesians 1:18-21 and describe the power we have available to us?  
\*Is there something in your life for which you need to believe that God’s grace is sufficient for you?
6. Read II Corinthians 4:8-10.  
\*Has there been a time when you have felt (1) “hard pressed,” (2) “perplexed,” (3) “persecuted,” (4) “struck down”? Which one? What were the circumstances?  
\*If it was in the past, did you find the corresponding reversal to be true? (1) “hard pressed, but not crushed,” (2) “perplexed but not in despair,” (3) “persecuted, but not abandoned,” (4) “struck down, but not destroyed”?
7. Read II Corinthians 5:17. As Christians we are all new creations. Joe told the story of Destiny. Tell of one of your favorite “new creation” stories.
8. How have you seen the love of Jesus in your mate, children, friends, co-workers? (Be as specific as you can.)  
Some prayers take us past natural and narrow petitions. Have you ever prayed something like this: “Lord, may those I interact with today see the love of Jesus in me.”
9. Susannah Wesley, mother of John and Charles Wesley, who began the Methodist movement, said something like this to her sons at the end of her life: I’ve taught you how to live. Now I will teach you how to die.  
\*Has someone taught you how to die?

10. Joe talked about mentoring. He said somebody needs you in 2016.

\*Who might it be for you?

\*If no one comes to mind, consider praying that God will bring that person to you.