



RESOLVE TO EVOLVE

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This time of year reminds me of one of my favorite childhood toys, the Etch-a-Sketch. I had a love/hate relationship with my Etch-a-Sketch. I found it frustrating to try to draw an accurate depiction of anything other than a square or rectangle. Trying to make a perfect circle drove me insane - but I kept trying. When it got to be too much, I would take out my frustrations by just turning it upside down and shaking the daylight out of it. Then I would start the process all over again.

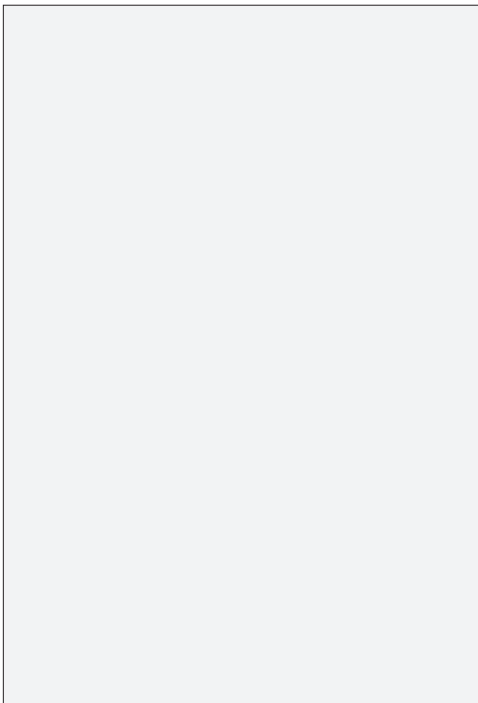
Resolve, determination, failure, frustration, repeat.

With the turning of the calendar page we've begun a much-anticipated new year. Saying goodbye to 2020 won't be hard. It was a tough one. We can shake the daylight out of the picture we were in and resolve to start anew. With resolutions we often end up like I did with my Etch-a-Sketch, in failure and frustration unless we invite a power greater than ourselves into our picture making.

When we resolve to let God lead our hands (and everything else) it becomes more of an evolution than a resolution. A slow process of creation in partnership with the One who knows the twists and turns that are necessary to shape the life

He has intended for us.

Eating less, exercising more, spending less, giving more, showing up on time, calling your mother-in-law more often or cleaning the top of the refrigerator on a regular basis are all honorable resolutions. But I challenge you as I challenge myself to a deeper New



Year's evolution.

Prayerfully consider what God might be calling you to work on with Him, these next twelve months. Is He calling you to meet Him through the study of His word or more time spent in prayer? Is He urging you to take time away from the busyness and be still? Is He showing Himself to you in a restlessness that isn't going away? A nagging feeling that there is more to life? A feeling that there is a deeper purpose for your life?

Resolve to evolve this new year. Listen to the promptings and act on them.

Shake off the excuses and come to God with a clean slate. Join Him as He etches and sketches the abundant life He has waiting for you!



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