

A wooden shelf holds three potted plants: a large succulent in a woven basket, and two smaller succulents in terracotta pots. The background wall features a large photograph of a sunset over mountains, with the text '10 DECLARATIONS TO KICKSTART THE NEW YEAR' overlaid. A small black ring is visible on the wall above the shelf.

# 10 DECLARATIONS TO KICKSTART THE NEW YEAR

Welcome to 2026, a year filled with unlimited possibilities. We trust the Lord that it will be a blessed and fruitful one for us all

It's been said that the best way to predict the future is to create it. We know God's plans for the year are good and we also know that the enemy has plans for us that are contrary to God's plans. So that we don't leave anything to chance, we're kicking the year off with 10 declarations that will shape the year to our advantage.

As we go through the series we encourage everyone to intentionally and consistently declare the anchor scriptures through the days to come. We trust that the Holy Spirit will equip us to work in His power, so all our declarations become realities we experience through the year.



## Day 1

### Lord let your hand be upon me

“O Lord God, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?”  
Deuteronomy 3:24

Having God’s hand coming upon is one of the key distinguishing factors we should cry out for. The hand of the Lord speaks of His strength and supernatural capacity - things that carry God’s clear signature. When His hand is upon us He is the one in charge of both the experience and the outcome and we can expect to experience three things: positioning, elevation and restraint.

“The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.” Ezekiel 37:1

When the hand of the Lord came upon Ezekiel, he was positioned in the valley of dry bones, but because it was God that placed him there, Ezekiel received specific instructions on what to do and what started off as a valley of dry bones ended up being a mighty army. Three things to note about God’s positioning. First is that it starts in the spirit realm. Second is that God will give specific instructions about the situation and third is that things may not look like what God said about it initially, but as we follow through on His instructions we will arrive at His expected end.

“You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great.” Psalms 18:35

True greatness is not a result of human effort but by the hand of the Lord. This type of elevation is generational, impacts both in time and eternity and aligns to God’s agenda. It will also be clear to all that the elevation was done by God as we see in the lives of Joseph (Gen 41), Mordecai (Est 6). When the Lord elevates us He also sustains us so we’re not at the mercy of any opposition

There will always be options before us but as the Lord’s hand comes upon us He also restrains us from the options that may even seem good to us but will take us out of alignment with God’s agenda. For example Paul was restrained from preaching in Asia even though it seemed good to do so (Acts 16:6).

**Prayer:** Lord let Your hand come upon me this year to direct me, restrain me where necessary and elevate me in alignment with Your plan for my life.



## Day 2

### Lord open my eyes: Let me see well

“Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Jeremiah, what do you see?”...Then the Lord said to me, “You have seen well...” Jeremiah 1:11-12

There are three aspects of sight we need to address in the new year: not seeing at all (blindness), partial sight and seeing well. When the Lord asked Jeremiah what he saw, Jeremiah’s response showed that he saw and saw well. However that’s not always the case for all of us.

“I counsel you to... anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.”Revelation 3:18

The Laodicean church was blind to their true state so Jesus counselled them to anoint their eyes so they could see. Which means that it’s possible for us to be blind to what’s really going on in and around us if the Lord doesn’t open our eyes. The danger with total blindness is that we won’t have a clue what to do or how to go about things because we don’t even know what we’re dealing with.

“And he looked up and said, “I see men like trees, walking.” Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.”

Mark 8:24-25

When Jesus laid hands on the blind man the first time his sight was restored partially and that how some of us see spiritually. We’re not totally blind, but our perspectives are distorted for a variety of reasons. It could be that we’re infusing our personal experiences and preferences into what God is showing us and running with that perspective without clarifying from God. Jesus did two things to correct partial sight, He laid hands again and made the man look up. Symbolically this means the man had a second encounter with Jesus and changed his perspective from looking at the people around him to looking up to heaven. Once the perspective changed from people to heaven, full sight was restored. This shows us that if we keep ourselves at the level of discourse and comparison with people, we will miss what God is trying to show us.

**Prayer:** Lord open my eyes so I will see and see well. Let every blindness be removed and partial sight be restored so I can align with what You are doing in and around me



## Day 3

### Lord Strengthen me

“and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power” Ephesians 1:19

The journey ahead will have smooth parts, but will also come with twists, turns and obstacles that will try and distract and derail us from finishing the year well. Thankfully God doesn't expect us to run in our own strength alone, which is why He gives us the supply of strength needed for the days ahead. The key to accessing this strength is staying connected to Him.

A fully charged phone can probably function for a full day of use without any issues, but if that phone isn't plugged in again to the power source it's just a matter of time before it's functionality reduces to save power and finally shuts down. That's what happens to our spirit man when we don't refresh our connection to God daily. We will seem to be okay for a while, but it's just a matter of time before old bad patterns start to resurface and we start making decisions outside of God's counsel because we haven't engaged Him.

“I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.” Ephesians 3:16

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” Ephesians 3:20

God doesn't have limitations in resources, but we do. Staying connected to Him means we're able to function from the strength of the Holy Spirit consistently flowing through us. The only thing that can limit what God can do with/in/around us is the room we give Him to work in us. Let's submit ourselves to His lordship so He can fully infuse us with all the strength we need.

**Prayer:** Lord strengthen me in my inner man according to Your unlimited resources. I repent of any areas where I've hindered You and ask that You take Your place as the only authority over every area of my life



## Day 4

### Fill Me With The Knowledge of Your Will

“So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding.” Colossians 1:9

God doesn't want us to be in the dark about His plans for the year ahead and it's an area we're encouraged to pray about consistently because God always has instructions for now. In His generosity He makes it possible for us to have complete knowledge of His will, clarity about His purposes, an understanding of His plans and the role we play in bringing those plans to manifestation.

“Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.” Colossians 1:10

“Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.” Proverbs 3:6

Knowing His will is critical because that's the only way we will truly know how to please Him. Imagine asking someone to go to the grocery store on your behalf but the person doesn't ask what specific groceries you want, returns with what they like and expects you to pay for them. As unreasonable as this sounds, that's how we act with God when we don't ask Him what His will is concerning a matter. We're essentially telling Him to endorse what we want and expecting Him to bless it. But God doesn't work that way, His commitment is to what He has said to us, not what we choose to run with outside of Him. This year let's be intentional about seeking God's mind about our lives so we can move with the full assurance of His backing.

**Prayer:** Lord fill me with the complete knowledge of Your will in every area of my life. Let everything I do always honour and please You and bear the fruit You want to see in my life.



## Day 5

### Let My Life Witness Jesus

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

A witness is a person who has seen, heard, or has direct knowledge of an event or fact, and provides testimony about it. When Jesus said believers will be His witnesses, it means while He expects us to tell people about Him, our lives are also meant to show that Jesus is real. When people look at our lives, it should be clear that we are not functioning in our natural strength and capabilities alone, but there should be tangible evidence of God in our lives.

“For you will be His witness to all men testifying of what you have seen and heard.” Acts 22:15

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—” 1 John 1:1

A witness can only provide testimony of what they've seen, heard or know by reason of being a subject matter expert in that field. Likewise, our lives must testify of the reality of Jesus. We may not have seen Him physically like the apostles, but we have access to Him through His word and fellowship with Him through the Holy Spirit. As we spend time in the word of God, in prayer and meditation, we're being transformed to look like Jesus. This transformation will be evident to those around us, especially those who may have known us for some time. As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, our lives will inevitably take a supernatural dimension. It doesn't mean things will always be smooth, but the way we respond even in the midst of challenges will demonstrate Jesus.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

If we profess Jesus but don't take the time to invest in our relationship with the Holy Spirit and allow Him to lead us then we become unreliable witnesses. Our lives shouldn't bring any confusion about who Jesus is and what He stands for. Even if we demonstrate results, if Jesus isn't at the core of who we are and what we do, our witness isn't reliable. We're all work in progress on the journey of becoming like Jesus so it's not about perfection, but a heart and life anchored on the help of the Holy Spirit that genuinely wants to witness the truth of Jesus.

**Prayer:** Lord help me in the areas I'm struggling and give me strength to stay on this journey of transformation so the totality of my life becomes an effective witness of You.





## Day 6

### Lord deal with the plans of the enemy

“So in the month of April, during the twelfth year of King Xerxes’ reign, lots were cast in Haman’s presence (the lots were called purim) to determine the best day and month to take action. And the day selected was March 7, nearly a year later.” Esther 3:7

When Haman was offended by Mordecai’s refusal to bow to him, he decided to deal with not just Mordecai alone but all Jews. Haman through divination selected a date almost a year later to put his wicked plan into action. This shows us that the enemy can and does plan way in advance and it would be naïve of us to think things haven’t already been orchestrated for the year ahead.

“The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” John 10:10

Haman’s plot was to annihilate the Jews and take their properties, fulfilling the enemy’s mandate against believers. Sometimes we make the mistake of thinking that it’s at the point of manifestation that a plot against us was hatched, but now we see that this is often the result of seeds intentionally sown in advance by the enemy. How then do we address this? Jesus gives us the answer.

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” Luke 22:31-32

Jesus discerned what Satan was planning and His answer wasn’t to quarrel with people or walk in fear, He addressed it in prayer. Even when we don’t know the specific area the enemy is targeting we have the authority to cancel demonic activities in our lives both now and in the days to come.

Prayer: In the name of Jesus I come against and disallow every demonic agenda over my life, family and all that concerns me. I frustrate every token of the kingdom of darkness and decree that it’s the Lord’s counsel alone that I give permission to stand in my life. I raise the banner of the blood of Jesus over my life, family and all that concerns me.





## Day 7

### Lead Me Into Divine Elevation

“For exaltation comes neither from the east Nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, And exalts another.” Psalms 75:6-7

Hard work is important and the Bible emphasises the need for discipline and consistency in working hard. However anyone who has worked for a while either in their own business or in another organisation will have observed that results and working hard don't always align. There are people and businesses for whom their speed and nature of elevation seem to be boosted by elements other than hard work.

“I returned and saw under the sun that— The race is not to the swift, Nor the battle to the strong, Nor bread to the wise, Nor riches to men of understanding, Nor favor to men of skill; But time and chance happen to them all.” Ecclesiastes 9:11

The results we experience in life don't always align with the efforts we put in. That's why the teacher noted that time and chance are key determinants of how things turn out for us. The person that starts first won't necessarily win the prize. The person who's seemingly behind can “overtake” those who had a head start. Life is spiritual and for believers there is a supernatural element we have access to in addition to the hard work.

“And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.” Luke 2:52

God has many more tools at His disposal to promote His children than we can ever fathom. This is why we shortchange ourselves if we believe our success in life is down only to ourselves or other people. When the season comes for God to sponsor our elevation He can deploy favour, positioning, unique opportunities, realignment and a million other things to drive the results that have His clear signature on it. The one thing we must ask ourselves is what does God's kingdom gain from our promotion? If we don't have a ready answer to this, then we need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us align God's priorities with our own.

Prayer: Lord let my lifting be a platform to showcase Your glory and be of benefit to the expansion of Your kingdom here on earth.



## Day 8

### Enlarge My Territory

“There was a man named Jabez... He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, “Oh, that you would bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain!” And God granted him his request.” 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

The Bible introduces us to Jabez as a man more honourable than his brothers. This introduction paints a picture of a man who is respected, diligent, distinguished and yet he had limitations. For whatever reason, there was a level Jabez couldn't go beyond, some ceiling placed over his life that constantly hindered him. At the point he prayed, Jabez must have realised that unless the Lord intervened in his life, he would always be limited.

We can almost sense Jabez's frustrations in his prayer. He needed the Lord to bless him and expand his territory. Which means that Jabez himself would be the carrier of the blessing, such that regardless of what he pursued it would be blessed and lead to expand soon. He asked the Lord to keep him from trouble and pain which may suggest that whatever expansion he'd experienced up to that point came with trouble and pain. Have you ever felt hemmed in and unable to progress beyond a particular level? Have you experienced an increase that came with so much contention you start wondering if it was worth it? Jabez likely went through these as well.

“The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.” Proverbs 10:22

There are many ways increase can come, but only the increase from God comes without any sorrow. It doesn't mean things will automatically be easy, however God always provides grace for the journey. God alone can point us to the areas of increase we need to prepare for so that we are well equipped spiritually, mentally and physically to maximise what He brings our way.

**Prayer:** Lord bless me and expand my territory! Please be with me in all that I do, and keep me from all trouble and pain.



## Day 9

### Lord Restore Me

“For the Lord will restore the excellence of Jacob Like the excellence of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches.” Nahum 2:2

The word used for “emptiers” in the verse above speaks of being poured out completely, drained to the point where there’s nothing left. Some of us may have felt (or are currently feeling) drained of everything that mattered - time, energy, passion for God, relationships etc. The Bible tells us that these emptiers didn’t just stop at emptying, they also ruined vine branches - a destruction of things that should have been a source of growth, freshness, increase.

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you.” Joel 2:25

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15:11

There is a thief who is committed to his job description of theft, death and destruction and it’s important we’re sensitive to his operations because if left unchecked he won’t stop until he’s achieved his aim. But today our focus is on the one who restores completely as God alone restores joy, peace, time, opportunities, relationships and so much more. And He does so in a manner that ensures we truly live as He designed and that our joy is full.

**Prayer:** Lord bring restoration to every area that I’ve been emptied. Restore my excellence and make every area of my life fruitful again.



## Day 10

### Help Me Walk In Dominion

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” Genesis 1:27-28

Dominion for a believer isn't a suggestion, it's a mandate from God. When God created mankind it was with the intent that His creation would fully represent Him on earth. God's intention didn't change when Adam fell, which is why Jesus restored us to the possibility of walking in total dominion.

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;”Colossians 2:9

Jesus became our pattern for what walking in dominion looks like for a believer, excelling in every area while fulfilling a divine mandate according to what specifically was written for us. Jesus knew exactly what to do, when, how, with whom and for how long. He didn't follow the crowd and didn't try to copy anyone else, knowing that His own pathway was unique to Him. Likewise our God given pathways and boundaries are unique to us. We can and should learn from others, but we must not use the lives of others as a yardstick to measure our lives.

“Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ”Hebrews 10:7

Dominion is the byproduct of doing God's will His way. When we align with His transformation and agenda, God's power flows through us to bring to reality who He designed us to be and what He designed us to do. This is when we fully represent Him here on earth and please Him while doing so because we know what He wants. Dominion is not something we try to have, it occurs when we become who God created us to be.

**Prayer:** Lord help me yield to your transformation process, let every area of my life align with what You've written of me, let Your will be done through my life at all times and in all ways. Let me walk in total dominion as You designed me to.



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