



Remain Resolute

January 2022 Update

I posted a list of New Year's resolutions a few years ago that received some positive feedback, so I will share them again:

Jesus' New Year's Resolutions

1. To continue to visit Matthew's house, across political boundaries, and give hope to those who need it.
2. To talk with another rejected Samaritan woman.
3. To continue to let the next generation come unto Jesus.
4. To preach hope to the poor and set the captives free.
5. "...to seek and save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

It might seem to some that uncertain times would warrant a degree of caution in Christian witness and serving our neighbors. Still, it is the very contrast of life's uncertainties with God's "certainties" that highlights the urgency of Christ's mission. In Acts 11, Barnabas was sent to Antioch at the height of persecution and the scattering of the Jerusalem church:

"Then when he arrived and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord." – Acts 11:23 NASB



There may be times to make new resolutions, but there is also a time to remain "resolute," to continue to do what must be done regardless of circumstances. I humbly suggest that we are in such a time, and my "resolution" is to remain "resolute." But it is by grace that we remain resolute and persevere in hope ([Rom. 5:1-5](#)). Myra preached the first message of 2022 at Asbury Seminary's Chapel, and her message, "[What is the Scope of our Christian Hope?](#)" ([link](#)), expounded on this timely theme.

The first half of 2022 will be full of preparations towards our move to Prague in early summer. In February, I will travel to L'viv, Ukraine, to teach in our Europe school of ministry and train leaders in the L'viv church. In March, I will travel to Berlin to meet with our Europe

leadership team, then to Prague to prepare for our move and minister in the church. Afterward, I may travel to Ternopil, Ukraine, to teach missiology in the church's Bible College.

As you have no doubt seen in the news, Ukraine is in a significant crisis, with a potential Russian invasion force amassing on its eastern border. Many have asked how serious this is, so I will be as transparent as possible. Putin's plans are real and could plunge Ukraine and the region into a conflict not seen in recent history. Please pray for wisdom and resolute leadership for those trying to avert war.

We appreciate your continued prayers as we move towards Prague, and especially for my upcoming travels. Thanks for standing with us. Blessings! Mike & Myra

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Prayer Requests

1. New monthly partnerships
 2. Mike's upcoming travels
 3. Peace and security for Ukraine
 4. New team members for Prague, Tbilisi, Romania, & Cyprus
 5. Visas and church registration for Prague and our other European teams
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