



CHRISTIAN CENTER

Here

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Escape from Here



I. INTRO

- A. New Year's resolutions
- B. All New Year's resolutions are based in the idea that we don't like it where we are

Habakkuk 2:2-3 (NKJV) ²Then the Lord answered me and said: "Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. ³For the vision *is* yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

- Change happens when you receive enough info that you can change, or change is the only option because it hurts too much to stay the same

II. ESCAPE FROM HERE

- A. Here
 - **Dictionary.com: In this place; in this spot or locality (opposed to there)**
- B. You can't start where you're not, you can only start "here"
 - **Bottom line: You're here, but you'd rather be there**

Matthew 6:31-32 (NLT) ³¹"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' ³²These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.

- C. In the natural we don't want to stay "here" we want to be "there"

Matthew 6:33-34 (NLT) ³³Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. ³⁴"So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today.

III. IF MY FOCUS IS "THERE" I WON'T GIVE ANY ATTENTION TO "HERE"

- A. "Here" is the best place you can be, it's also the only place you can ever be

Matthew 6:33 (NLT) ³³Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

- B. We cannot seek the Kingdom of God from "there," only "here"
 - **"Here" is the absolute best place you can be – because – God is here**



C. "There" is the enemy of "here"

- If my focus is "THERE" I don't give any attention to "HERE"
- The problem with THERE is that:
 - THERE devalues HERE
 - THERE diminishes the power of HERE
 - THERE dilutes HERE
 - There will divert you from HERE

D. "There" isn't just forward, "there" can be backwards too

James 4:8a (TLB) And when you draw close to God, God will draw close to you.

- **Process:** a systematic series of actions directed to some end: a continuous action, operation, or series of changes taking place in a definite manner