

2021

FACING THE NEW YEAR
WITH FAITH



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REVELATION 21:5 (NASB)



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PHILIPPIANS 4:19 (NASB)



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“Why You Should Lower Your Expectations for 2021 Starting Now”

-CAREY NIEUWHOF



1. The shutdown happened overnight. The reopening will be far more gradual and intermittent.

“It might take a while longer for most people to feel comfortable being in crowded public spaces, and some of the pattern changes people have adopted during COVID will likely be permanent.”



2. Normal is being redefined as we speak.

“We will eventually settle into some kind of normalcy, and that’s likely to have a strange and unpredictable mix of familiar and new patterns.”



3. The biggest certainty is unpredictability.

“The last few decades are filled with companies, organizations and churches that died because things changed and they didn’t.”



4. An unhealthy rhythm now means you might not make it to then.

“Finding a healthy rhythm **during** a crisis
is essential to being okay **after** the crisis.”



5. The greatest leaders confront the brutal facts (but never lose hope).

“Crisis leadership falls apart when leaders embrace the extremes:
Pessimists only see the real, and naive optimists only see the ideal.”



Our hope is in facing reality but looking past it by faith...



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DREAM: Start planning now for what “normal” ought to look like later.



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BELIEVE: Expect to experience God's supernatural renewal and provision.

