# HOW TO BEGIN 2020

New Year's resolutions have fallen on hard times since hardly anyone actually keeps them. But what about some ideas that truly work to make your life better?! What idea(s) would you want to hold on to this year? God First; Let's move; Volunteer; Be still; Water; Attitude; New; Friend; Now; Lists

#### Luke 7:1-17

Two Stories = separate or together?

These two passages highlight how we might begin 2020 with renewed hope and genuine life change.

### First, Pursue

- This is your choice
- \* The character of the Centurion

>affection >  $\underline{courage}$  >generosity >  $\underline{humility}$  >faith >  $\underline{insight}$ 

Jesus was amazed.

2020 can begin like this!

## Second, the Plan

- This is God's choice
- The character of Jesus

> awareness > compassion > courage > authority > generous > divine

The people were full of awe.

2020 can <u>end</u> like this!

Two Principles = separate or together?

#### Reflective Questions:

- I) What might you put on your list of ideas for the New Year? What would you like to pursue that would enhance your life?
- 2) What characteristics stand out to you the most from the Centurion? Why?
- 3) What assurance do you receive from the story of the widow at Nain?
- 4) How might these two stories shape your approach to the New Year?

