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## **“Knew Year”**

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- What** In this New Year's script, two people reflect on the goodness of God. They vow to remember what they thought they knew and what they now know in the year to come.
- Themes:** New Year, God's Faithfulness, God's Goodness, Trust, Duet
- Who** Person 1  
Person 2
- When** Present Day
- Wear (Props)** (Optional) Two podiums or stands
- Why** Romans 8:31, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Isaiah 55:9
- How** Because of the play on words, this dialogue can be difficult. Ideally, the actors should have these lines down cold. If needed, the part of the script that is addressed to the audience can be performed as if it is a written, pre-planned speech. Therefore, it would make sense for Person 1 and 2 to have their 'speeches' with them. If you choose to go this route, have Person 1 and Person 2 stand behind adjoining podiums.
- Time** Approximately 3 minutes

*Person 1 and Person 2 enter from opposite sides of the stage. They stand center stage, facing the audience, ready to address the audience.*

**Person 1:** If I knew *now* what I knew *then*. (Slight Pause. Then to herself) Wait.

*Person 1 and 2 look away from the audience and address each other directly.*

**Person 2:** I think that's wrong.

**Person 1:** Right.

**Person 2:** No wrong.

**Person 1:** I know. I know it's wrong.

**Person 2:** It's wrong because you *do* know now what you knew then.

**Person 1:** But I know *more* now than what I knew then. Let me start again.

*Person 1 address audience.*

**Person 1:** If I knew *then* what I know *now*—

**Person 2:** (to **Person 1**) What do you know?

*They continue to address each other.*

**Person 1:** That God is faithful.

**Person 2:** You knew that.

**Person 1:** I think maybe I forgot that I knew it.

**Person 2:** What do you mean?

**Person 1:** I don't know that I *knew* that God always has my good in mind. That He is working for me and not against me.

**Person 2:** I know that.

**Person 1:** Well, I know that *now*.

**Person 2:** But you didn't know then?

**Person 1:** That He is my Rock and my Fortress? My Redeemer. My Refuge. I don't know if I knew that a year ago.

**Person 2:** But you said you did.

**Person 1:** I know. But saying it and knowing it are two different things. I know He is my Deliver, my Savior. That there is nothing that He can't handle. That every circumstance is under His control. I know that I said I knew that, but now I can say I know that I know it for sure.

**Person 2:** What changed?

**Person 1:** A year went by and...life happened.

**Person 2:** Life.

**Person 1:** Yeah. Life.

*Person 1 and 2 address the audience.*

**Person 2:** A year ago, I thought I knew what the new year would bring.

**Person 1:** I made resolutions.

**Person 2:** I made promises.

**Person 1:** Then life—

**Person 2:** Life.

**Person 1:** Life gets in the way of some of my best plans.

**Person 2:** Life has a tendency to screw things up.

**Person 1:** Really make things messy.

**Person 2:** I forget that my plans aren't God's plans.

**Person 1:** That my ways aren't God's ways.

**Person 2:** His thoughts aren't my thoughts.

**Person 1:** Obviously, because I never...never would have chosen to walk the path I walked this past year.

**Person 2:** But looking back—

**Person 1:** I'm so glad God chose that path for me.

**Person 2:** It was hard.

**Person 1:** Surprising.

**Person 2:** Difficult.

**Person 1:** Challenging.

**Person 2:** Exciting.

**Person 1:** Different.

**Person 2:** Scary.

**Person 1:** Nerve-wrecking.

**Person 2:** But here I am.

**Person 1:** Knowing what I know.

**Person 2:** That God is faithful.

**Person 1:** That He is good.

**Person 2:** That my God is for me.

**Person 1:** He's not against me.

**Person 2:** All things work together for good.

**Person 1:** My God is trustworthy.

**Person 2:** My God's timing is perfect.

**Person 1:** He heard me.

**Person 2:** And He answered me...not in the way I had planned.

**Person 1:** No. But He answered in the way He had planned.

**Person 2:** And looking back...I'm so thankful.

**Person 1:** He took my plans and made them into something better.

**Person 2:** Something I couldn't even imagine.

**Person 1:** I know now that I serve a good God.

**Person 2:** A great God.

**Person 1:** If I knew *now* what I knew *then*. (*Slight pause. Then to herself*) Wait.

**Person 2:** (*to Person 1*) I think that's wrong.

**Person 1:** (*to Person 2*) Right.

**Person 2:** (to *Person 1*) No wrong.

**Person 1:** (to *Person 2*) I know.

*Slight pause. Then they both, once again, address the audience.*

**Person 1:** What I mean is: I want to know next year, what I know now. I don't want to forget. I want to look back over this coming year and say I knew God's faithfulness. And this year—

**Person 2:** This New Year.

**Person 1:** I *am* going to remember.

**Person 2:** I'm *not* going to forget.

**Person 1:** I want to remember what I thought I knew and hold on to what I now know.

*Lights out.*

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