



## **RESOLVED - *First Things First* - January 11**

### **Introduction**

It's always a mistake to make a resolution before being resolved. To be resolved means we have come to an understanding and completely settled about a particular truth to the point we engage in a committed adherence to it.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Talk about something you have always wanted to do, accomplish, or learn in your life but never have. What is the reason you have never done this "something".
2. Have you ever made a new years resolution but failed to keep it within the first few days? If so, what made you make the resolution and why do you think you failed to keep it?
3. Have you ever made a decision or resolution that you have kept to this day? What do you think made the difference in the decisions or resolutions you have kept and the ones you haven't?
4. In the message Jon said: "when we are RESOLVED about something it means we are settled in our beliefs, behaviors, and attitudes to the point of committed adherence." With this definition in mind, talk about some things you are resolved about in your own life. How did you become resolved on these things?
5. In the message Jon said: "Being RESOLVED requires owning a truth". Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

### **Moving Forward**

It's always a mistake to make a resolution before being resolved. When we make a resolution without being settled (resolute), we are declaring something publicly that we have not yet discovered privately. This is one reason baptism can be such a big deal... If we were baptized publicly before we had a personal encounter with Jesus privately, then we are publicly declaring something that we have not yet discovered privately.

Before we can be RESOLVED, we must first own a particular truth. If there is something you know that you have been needing to do, a habit or behavior you have been needing to change, or perhaps something better you have been meaning to go after; the starting place is to find the truth from God's word and His direction on whatever it is you are setting out to accomplish. When we discover a truth and own it, being RESOLVED and accomplishing whatever it is we are being called to becomes a reality.

### **Changing Your Mind - Commit this to memory**

[Daniel 1:8](#) But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. (TNIV)