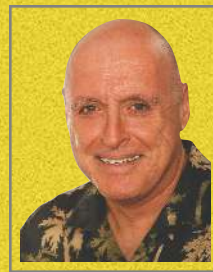


# THE EXTRA POINT

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## # 729 Waving Goodbye to 2020 – Your Thoughts?

2020 is packing its bags and later tonight, it will board a bus for a destination called history. I'm Jerry Roberts, and let's chew that over, next, on The Extra Point.

There are some years in our lives that, if it was possible, we'd invite to stay around longer. Maybe it was so good, we'd ask it to do a full encore. I doubt very many people are feeling that way about 2020, unless you own a grocery company, you're a big-box retailer, or Amazon, Netflix, or Zoom – businesses like that are closing the books on the best year in their history tonight. I would guess they indeed might like to get a replay if they could.

Of course, 2020 being the generous sort that it is, has passed to 2021 some of what it will always be known for, that being the unfinished business of the coronavirus. Hopefully, there won't be much of that left when it's time to say hello to 2022.

It's been a year that carried with it a big price tag. We paid in lives of friends and family who were taken from us. We paid in businesses and jobs that were lost, plans interrupted, global-national-local economies trashed, and personal freedoms stripped away. When it comes to information and leaders, we're not sure what to believe, or who we can trust. In some ways, America is no longer recognizable.

Part of saying goodbye to a year is taking time to reflect on the events of those 12 months, and what it all meant. We can ask ourselves questions, and I've got 10 that I think will reveal what we need to know.

1. What worked in 2020? What went right?
2. Where did I succeed this year, and how can I leverage those wins to bring greater benefits in 2021?
3. When I came up short, what did I learn that will allow me to advance in the coming year?
4. How did I grow as a leader and a person, in

the face of non-stop challenges?

5. What am I grateful for, and who am I grateful for? Who do I need to thank for hanging in there with me?

What we experienced, what we learned, and how we chose to respond is what we carry forward with us to 2021. All that becomes part of the building blocks we'll use to create what we all hope is a far better year than the one we're waving goodbye to.

More questions:

6. What one thing will I intentionally do more of in 2021?
7. What one thing will I intentionally do less of in 2021?
8. Whether in my job or personal life, who are five people I want to add great value to?
9. What is my 2021 goal in the following areas: Career, personal growth, and family?
10. What will a successful 2021 look like? Write a story that lays out what you feel will make up a good year, a great year, and the best year of your life. What would have to happen under each of those three scenarios?

You can download this exercise, Extra Point # 729, at [guamtraining.com](http://guamtraining.com). Write things out, so you can see your thoughts. Put them somewhere you can find them, to see how you're doing.

The sun rises on a new year tomorrow. Let's get after it.

That's The Extra Point. Make something good happen today, and be responsible tonight. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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