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Living God's Mission in 2025

Introduction:

Welcome to *Hope and Joy: Living God's Mission in 2025!* As we step into a new year filled with uncertainties and opportunities, one truth remains unshakable: our mission as believers is to know God deeply and make Him known to others. In a world searching for meaning, purpose, and connection, the church has a unique calling to bring hope and joy through the love of Jesus Christ.

This book explores how we, as individuals and as a church, can live out this mission by focusing on three key principles: Believing in God, Belonging to His Family, and Living Beyond Ourselves.

Chapter 1:

Believing in God – The Foundation of Hope and Joy

Key Scripture: "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." — John 3:16

Belief in God isn't just intellectual—it's transformational. When Zacchaeus met Jesus in Luke 19, his life changed forever. His encounter with Christ shifted his priorities, actions, and relationships.

- Transformation Through Faith: Faith isn't about knowing *about* God but knowing Him personally.
- The Mission of Jesus: Jesus came to "*seek and save the lost*" (Luke 19:10). Our mission aligns with His—to help others experience this same transformation.

Practical Steps:

1. Spend daily time in God's Word.
 2. Pray intentionally for deeper faith.
 3. Share your faith story with someone this month.
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Chapter 2:

Belonging to His Family – The Power of Community

Key Scripture: "Let us not neglect gathering together, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching." — Hebrews 10:25

God designed us for community. The church is not just a place we go—it's a family we belong to. Whether it's through weekly worship or small groups, belonging to God's family is vital for spiritual growth.

- **Why Community Matters:** We grow stronger when we support, encourage, and challenge one another.
- **Your Role in the Body of Christ:** Every believer has a unique gift and calling.

Practical Steps:

1. Join a small group or Bible study.
 2. Commit to attending weekly services.
 3. Build intentional relationships with fellow believers.
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Chapter 3:

Living Beyond Yourself – The Call to Serve

Key Scripture: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." — Ephesians 2:10

God created you with purpose. True joy comes when we step beyond our own needs and start serving others. Serving isn't just about volunteering—it's about adopting a mindset of love and selflessness.

- **Discovering Your Purpose:** Identify your gifts and how they can be used for God's glory.
- **The Joy of Service:** Serving others brings fulfillment and purpose.

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Practical Steps:

1. Find a ministry or outreach program to serve in.
 2. Look for opportunities to serve in your community.
 3. Pray for God to reveal your unique calling.
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Chapter 4:

Building a Culture of Invitation

Key Scripture: "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." — Acts 2:47

Inviting others to experience God's love starts with simple, intentional acts. Many people are one invitation away from a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

- **The Power of Invitation:** Sharing your faith doesn't always mean preaching—it can be as simple as inviting someone to church.
- **Overcoming Fear:** Don't let fear of rejection stop you from sharing.

Practical Steps:

1. Invite someone to attend a service with you.
 2. Share your testimony authentically.
 3. Pray for opportunities to invite others.
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Chapter 5:

Living with Hope and Joy in Uncertain Times

Key Scripture: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — Romans 15:13

The world is unpredictable, but God is steadfast. As believers, we are called to overflow with hope and joy, even in difficult times.

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- The Source of Our Hope: Hope isn't rooted in circumstances but in God's promises.
- Choosing Joy Daily: Joy is a choice, not a fleeting emotion.

Practical Steps:

1. Memorize Romans 15:13.
 2. Keep a gratitude journal.
 3. Encourage others with words of hope.
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Conclusion:

Your Next Step

As we step into 2025, the mission is clear: Believe in God, Belong to His Family, and Live Beyond Yourself. Every small step you take matters.

Ask yourself:

- What is one area I need to focus on this year?
- Who can I invite to experience God's love?
- How can I serve others with my gifts?

Together, let's make 2025 a year filled with hope, joy, and purpose.

Final Prayer: "Lord, help me know You more deeply, love others more intentionally, and serve with joy and humility. Use me this year to make a difference in Your kingdom. Amen."

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