

That You May
BELIEVE

This
is the
Day!



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**Living with Hope, Joy, and Purpose in a World
That Feels Out of Control**

Chapter 1

This Is the Day

“This is the day the Lord has made.”

It is easy to say those words.

It is harder to live them.

Yesterday carries weight. Regret. Failure. Disappointment. Conversations that didn’t go well. Decisions we wish we could undo. Pain that still lingers.

But God never calls us to live in yesterday.

Today is His.

Not because everything is perfect. Not because the circumstances are stable. Not because we feel strong.

Today belongs to the Lord because He rules over it.

Rejoicing is not pretending that life is easy. Rejoicing is choosing to anchor your heart in the unchanging character of God. It is a declaration that says, “I will not let yesterday define me, and I will not let fear control me. My God reigns.”

And if He reigns, then this day has purpose.

Chapter 2

When Faith Becomes Personal

Many people grow up around faith.

They know the language. They know the songs. They may even have spiritual memories attached to childhood. But familiarity is not the same as intimacy.

There comes a moment when borrowed faith must become personal faith.

There comes a moment when you open the Word not because someone told you to, but because your heart is searching. And

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when that happens, something shifts. Scripture stops feeling distant. It becomes alive. It becomes personal.

You begin to see a God who is not cold or unreachable—but compassionate, patient, and relentless in love.

You discover that He was never distant.

You were simply being invited deeper.

Faith becomes real when it moves from tradition to relationship. From routine to surrender. From knowledge about God to walking with Him.

And when that shift happens, everything changes.

Chapter 3

Obedience That Changes Direction

Faith always leads somewhere.

It leads to obedience.

Obedience is not about perfection. It is about direction. It is about choosing, publicly and personally, to say, “I belong to Jesus.”

There is power in declaration.

There is power in stepping forward and identifying yourself with Christ. In saying, “My old life no longer defines me. I am buried with Him. I am raised with Him. I will follow Him.”

Obedience draws a line between who you were and who you are becoming.

It does not mean you will never struggle again. It does not mean you will never fail. It means your allegiance has changed. Your identity has shifted.

You are no longer wandering.

You are walking.

Chapter 4

Still in Control

Life can feel chaotic.

Deadlines. Diagnosis. Financial strain. Relationship tension. Loss. Uncertainty.

There are seasons when it feels like everything is shaking.

How can you say, “It is well,” when your heart is heavy?

How can you sing when suffering surrounds you?

The answer is not in the absence of storms.

It is in the presence of a sovereign God.

My God is still in control.

He still reigns on His throne.

Mountains may tremble, but He does not.

Peace is not found in control over circumstances. Peace is found in surrender to the One who controls them.

Even when the world disappoints you.

Even when people let you down.

Even when the night feels long.

He has not left you.

He has not abandoned you.

And because He remains, your soul can learn to say, “It is well.”

Chapter 5

The Mission Is Not Comfort

It is easy to drift into comfort.

Safe routines. Predictable patterns. Minimal risk.

But following Jesus has never been about comfort.

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He did not call people to consume. He called them to co-labor. He did not invite spectators. He invited participants.

If you want to follow Him, you must be willing to live beyond yourself.

That means sacrifice.

That means surrender.

That means sometimes being misunderstood.

But it also means meaning.

There is nothing more powerful than living for something eternal.

Nothing more joy-producing than watching a life transformed.

Nothing more hope-filled than knowing you are part of what God is doing in the world.

Comfort fades.

Mission lasts.

Chapter 6

Unity That Glorifies God

A divided heart cannot carry a unified message.

Unity does not mean uniformity. It does not mean everyone prefers the same style, the same pace, or the same personality.

It means we agree on what matters most.

Truth matters. The Word of God matters. But so does harmony. So does humility. So does love.

When believers protect unity, they protect the mission.

When they choose purpose over preference, they reflect Christ.

And when they live with one mind and one voice—centered on Him—the world sees something different.

Something supernatural.

Chapter 7

The God of Hope

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Hope is not optimism.

Hope is not positive thinking.

Hope is confidence rooted in the unchanging character of God.

It looks backward and remembers His faithfulness.

It looks forward and trusts His promises.

And this hope is not meant to be barely enough.

It is meant to overflow.

Overflowing hope changes environments. It changes conversations. It changes homes.

But you cannot overflow with something you do not possess.

Hope grows as belief deepens. Joy strengthens as trust matures. And both are empowered by the Holy Spirit at work within you.

Chapter 8

Bring What You Carry

There are people around you who need hope.

More than advice.

More than distraction.

More than temporary relief.

They need something real.

Many are carrying grief silently. Others are battling addiction privately. Some are exhausted by trying to hold everything together. Others are disillusioned by promises that never delivered.

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You carry the truth of a risen Savior.

Do not underestimate that.

Sometimes the most powerful words are the simplest:

“Come and see.”

Not a debate.

Not a performance.

Just an invitation.

Come and see the love of Jesus.

Come and see what hope feels like.

Come and see that joy can survive hardship.

Truth, spoken in love, is revolutionary.

Chapter 9

Pray, Invite, Give

Mission begins with prayer.

Pray for compassion. Ask God to let you see people as He sees them—not as interruptions, but as souls.

Pray for courage. Ask Him to give you boldness when opportunities appear.

Invite. Extend the invitation. Trust that God works beyond your words.

Give. Invest in what matters eternally. Not reluctantly. Not under pressure. But with gratitude.

Everything we have is grace.

And grace is meant to flow outward.

Chapter 10

Here I Am

Every generation faces the same question.

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Will you answer?

The call has not changed.

Bring hope.

Live with joy.

Trust the Spirit.

Step into mission.

You do not need to be extraordinary.

You need to be willing.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Leave yesterday behind.

Trust Him in uncertainty.

Overflow with hope.

Live beyond yourself.

And when He calls, answer simply:

Here I am.

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