

Finding Fresh Hope for 2025

*"I am the LORD, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea. I called forth the mighty army of Egypt with all its chariots and horses. I drew them beneath the waves, and they drowned, their lives snuffed out like a smoldering candlewick. "But forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. **For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it?** I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry desert wasteland." Isaiah 43:16-19 (NLT)*

I. Introduction

Amazing story: Many years ago, a British yachtsman named **Tony Bullimore** had a boat accident in the freezing Antarctic Ocean. His yacht split in half and capsized. A search team went out to find the wreckage. Upon finding the wreckage of the overturned boat, they began using a sensitive underwater microphone. When they called out with a Bullhorn, they began to hear knocking from the capsized hull. They knocked back & Tony swam out from under the hull. Evidently- there was an air pocket. And he had stayed alive in it for 5 days in total darkness and in freezing water that left him frostbitten and near death, surviving on only a bit of chocolate and a small amount of water! Where did he find the strength in order to survive for 5 days? Well, he said that **he never gave up hope** and fell back on his prior military training.

Fact: *"In those days (before salvation), you were living apart from Christ....you did not know the covenant promises (from) God. You lived in this world without God and without hope." Ephesians 2:12*

II. What is the #1 thing that I Must DO in 2025?

Answer: _____!

"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." James 4:7-8 (NLT)

"Lord, make me humble, but don't let me know it."---Daily Prayer of D.L. Moody

"If pride is the first sin, then humility is the first virtue"

Humility grows best in the rich soil of God's grace."

III. What are the Things That I Must CHOOSE TO BELIEVE in 2025?

1. God's pardon will always be more powerful than _____!

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2 (ESV)

2. I can always count on God's infinite power to help me _____

"So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose?" Romans 8:31 (MSG)

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be the glory..." Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

3. I can rest in the fact that _____ will always transform my _____

"So we can live convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together for good, for we are lovers of God who have been called to fulfill His pre-designated purposes." Romans 8:28

Our God is He who has Chosen to weave BOTH our mistakes and our hurts into His ultimate plan!

4. I can always trust that God's _____ !

"For God has proved his love by giving us His greatest treasure, the gift of His Son. And since God freely offered Him up as the sacrifice for us all, He certainly won't withhold from us anything else He has to give." Romans 8:32

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

5. I can live boldly and confidently knowing that God's promise _____

"So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that His love will triumph over death, life's troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken His love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance or separate us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through Christ Jesus, our Lord!" Romans 8:38-39

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness!" Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise---be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen." Jude 1:24-25 (NKJV)

IV. What Are The Biblical Realities That I Must KNOW and RELY UPON For 2025?

What Should I KNOW AND DAILY RELY UPON?

GOD IS MY PROTECTOR

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalm 27:1 (NKJV)

GOD IS MY PROVIDER

*"...For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But **seek first** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and **all these things shall be added to you.**" Matthew 6:32-33*

THE LORD PROMISES ME PEACE AMID THE STORMS AND TRIALS OF LIFE

*"Peace I leave with you, **My peace I give to you;** not as the world gives do I give to you. **Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**" John 14:27 (NKJV)*

THE LORD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL IN ALL THAT HE DOES

*"The LORD's **loving kindnesses** indeed never cease, and His **compassions** never fail. **They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.**" Lamentations 3:22-23 (NASB)*

GOD IS THE TRUE AND UNFAILING SOURCE OF MY STRENGTH

*"My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but **God remains the strength of my heart;** He is my Redeemer forever." Psalm 73:26*

GOD PROMISES ME A FUTURE AND A HOPE

*"For **I know the plans that I have for you,**' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.'" Jeremiah 29:11 (NASB)*

GOD'S WORD CAN MAKE ME WISE

*"You, through **Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies;** for they are ever with me."
Psalm 119:98*

APPLYING GOD'S WORD CAN BRING SUCCESS IN MY LIFE

*"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. **Then you will be prosperous and successful.**" Joshua 1:8*

GOD'S MIRACULOUS FAVOR TOWARD ME IS UNLIMITED

*"Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us **is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of--infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.**" Ephesians 3:20 (LB)*

GOD IS GREATER THAN ANY ENEMY OR OBSTACLE THAT I MIGHT FACE!

*"**Behold, I give you the authority** to trample on serpents and scorpions, **and over all the power of the enemy,** and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.**" Luke 10:19 (NKJV)*

ANSWER KEY:

II. What is the #1 thing that I Must *DO* in 2025?

Humble myself!

III. What are the Things That I Must *CHOOSE TO BELIEVE* in 2025?

1. my deepest shame
2. to change
3. God's purposes-----problems
4. provision will supply my needs
5. secures my future