I know some of us are glad 2022 is behind us while others are dreading the year ahead. I want to remind anyone struggling that hard doesn't mean being useless or void of hope. I invite you to believe and hold tight to the hope and promises of God. He is always working - even in the worst human situations. May we remember the joy that is set before us as we look in faith toward the future. May we keep trusting and moving forward in Christ's direction when we don't understand what He is doing in our lives -- or in the world. God has given each day for us to glorify Him and proclaim salvation to a world in desperate need. Let us never forget that He is patiently waiting for people to come to Him in faith. For these reasons...

## Let us pursue Christ passionately in 2023!

Join me in creating a plan, making every effort to build on the foundation of faith in Christ. Be intentional to set aside time to be with God, to read Scripture, to serve others, and to build up the Church.

Mourn the losses of 2022 even while you praise Him. Live expectantly as a child of the King. Enter 2023 *believing, hoping, and trusting* Him for whatever lies ahead. He is faithful and good!



## **REFLECT BACK ON 2022 AND FORWARD TO 2023**

Name one thing that regularly frustrates you mentally/spiritually? Have you "made every effort" to pursue holiness (2 Peter 1:5-8) in this area? List the ways you have sought wisdom and help for this area of weakness. How many "if only" statements have you said in reference to this struggle? If only this would happen... or, I would be happy if only this were true...

## **REFLECT BACK ON 2022 AND FORWARD TO 2023**

Name one step you can take today to have victory in 2023. Have you prayed about it? If not, write out a prayer below. Search online for some verses on this topic that you can think on. Instead of saying, "If only", say "Even if" and commit it to God. Ask for help and He will give it. James 1:5



What do you want to do different in 2023:

## What do you want to be the same in 2023:

A Bible verse to hold on to:



A plan to abide daily in God's word:

What goals would you like to set in 2023:

How will you live with hope in 2023: