

## HOPE FOR THE WORLD

### Hope is Here, #4

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### Everyone needs a mission.

*“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon. Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.”*

(Philippians 4:4–9, NLT)

### When I am on mission, I have joy.

*“Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy.”* (John 17:13, NLT)

#### 1. I will be considerate.

*“Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.”* (Philippians 4:5, NLT)

#### 2. I will turn worries into prayers.

*“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.”*

(Philippians 4:6, Message)

### 3. I will experience God's peace.

*“Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7, NLT)*

**The truth about me is “I can make a difference in the world.”**

*“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!” (Matthew 13:43, NLT)*

*“I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!” (Matthew 25:40, NLT)*

*“This is not right. This is a day of good news, and we aren’t sharing it with anyone! If we wait until morning, some calamity will certainly fall upon us. Come on, let’s go back and tell the people at the palace.” (2 Kings 7:9, NLT)*

## GROWTHWORK

1. Discover the message of the Bible – God seeks lost people to love, forgive, save, and heal.

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.” (Luke 19:10, NLT)*

2. Discover biographies of people God has used.

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1, NLT)*

3. Stay Current.

*“And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem?” (Luke 13:4, NLT)*

4. Stay Connected.

*“If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.”* (1 Corinthians 12:26, NLT)

5. Look for opportunities.

*“Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith.”* (Galatians 6:10, NLT)

6. Be practical.

*“The Master said, “Let me ask you: Who is the dependable manager, full of common sense, that the master puts in charge of his staff to feed them well and on time? He is a blessed man if when the master shows up he’s doing his job.”* (Luke 12:42–44, The Message)