

How many of you like a “To Do List”? Now how many of you don’t just like the idea of a “To Do List” but you actually use one? A “To Do List” only works if you read it and do it and check the task off.

**2023 THEME “Today is the Day!”**

**2 Corinthians 6:1-2 New Living Translation As God’s partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God’s kindness and then ignore it.**

**2 For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.**

Today is the day of salvation.

Today is the day of deliverance.

Today is the day of healing.

Today is the day to be set free.

Today is the day to forgive and be forgiven.

Today is a new day, the day for a fresh start.

Today is the day to start living the life that you are called to live.

Today is the first day of the rest of your life!

Today Matters!

**Today’s Next Step: I commit to memorize 2 Corinthians 6:2 “For God says, “At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you.” Indeed, the “right time” is now. Today is the day of salvation.”**

The problem we have is:

**We over exaggerate yesterday. We overestimate tomorrow.  
We underestimate today. John Maxwell “Today Matters”**

**Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

He is God of the past. He is God of the future. He is God of today. Don’t sell today short!

TODAY IS SUNDAY, JANUARY FIFTEENTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-THREE  
AND TODAY IS THE DAY!

**Today’s To Do List**

**Sunday 01-15-23**

**1) Hebrews 3:7 – Today, hear the voice of God.**

**Hebrews 3:7 So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice...**

- Followers of Jesus listen and hear his voice. **John 10:27 My sheep** (say it) **listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.**
- In a relationship there is communication, speaking and listening. Make time to pray and make time to listen and hear. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you from the Word as well. (We don’t just want to get through the Bible in 2023, we want the Bible to get through to us.)

- Pray the Life Changing Seven Word Prayer of young Samuel in the Temple.  
**‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’** (1 Samuel 3:9)

**Today’s Next Step: I will pray the Seven Word Prayer that changes everything.  
 “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.” (1 Samuel 3:9)**

**2) Hebrews 3:8 - When you hear the voice of God, do not harden your hearts.**

**Hebrews 3:7-11** So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the wilderness, where your ancestors tested and tried me, though for forty years they saw what I did. 10 That is why I was angry with that generation; I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they havenot known my ways.’ 11 So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’ **EX:** Children of Israel. 603,548 men died in the wilderness.

**EX:** Rudy’s Story

Everyone of us can hear God’s voice. Everyone can obey God’s voice. But every one of us can harden our heart to God’s voice and not do what he tells us to do.

Every time you hear God’s voice and disobey God’s voice, your heart gets a little harder.

**Today’s Next Step: If my heart has hardened, I will pray that Jesus plows up my hard ground and makes my heart soft enough hear and receive the voice of God.**

**3) Hebrews 3:12 - Don’t have an evil heart of unbelief and turn away from the living God.**

**Hebrews 3:12** See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

**ILL:** I hear the voice of God but, I don’t believe it. (The difference between Mary/ Zechariah)

With an unbelieving hard heart, we will eventually turn away from God.

**Numbers 23:19** God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

**James 1:6-8** But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

There are Two Types of people in the Bible that amazed Jesus: The people who amazed him by their lack of faith and the people who amazed him by their faith. (Mark 6:1-6 / Luke 7:6-10)

**4) Hebrews 3:13 - Encourage one another today.**

**Hebrews 3:13** But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

Encourage one another! Why?

So that you won’t be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Satan is a deceiver. It's his number one weapon. He doesn't knock on your door, introduce himself, and then ask you if he can control your life.

We live in a world that tends to choke out the word of the Lord for us. How?

**Matthew 13:22** The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Therefore, we need to be encouraging one another.

**Today's Next Step: Today I will encourage someone before I leave church today.  
At home I will encourage someone in my family today.  
At work I will find someone to encourage as well.**

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We underestimate today.

### **Believers Church Application:**

#### **The Past**

- Not really a problem for us. Most of us are thankful that the past is over. We are forgiven, and we can move on. If you are still dealing with the past or unforgiveness, let's talk.

#### **The Future**

- Tomorrow is going to be good!
- The Lord has promised Good to us. We will see the goodness of the Lord.

**Psalms 27:13-14** I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. <sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

#### **Today**

- Dream unlimited dreams, then ask yourself what you can do right now!
- Let's all start doing what God has called us to do TODAY! Not tomorrow, not later when we get more buildings, not when we have more help, more ministry team members, not when we have more money, not when we have more time, or not when we are more talented! Let's stop making excuses. Let's do it today!

#### **SALVATION CALL:**

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