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## Oak Harbor Assembly of God

# MESSAGE GUIDE

Speaker: Pastor Mark Geer Sunday: January 1, 2023



## <u>Message Talk Sheet</u>

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FOCUS: NEW YEAR'S THEME

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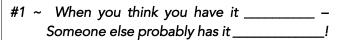
#### Happy New Year!!!

### **How Many of You Have Had A Tough** Year or Two?

- ⚠ Life has not been easy for many of us!
- ₩ We have every reason to feel despair and discouragement, anger and frustration, fear & worry! But there's another way... A\_\_\_\_\_\_Way!

### "Rejoice Always!"

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	Romans 5:1-5; 12:13; 2 Cor.	1:3-11; 7:4; 2 Thess. 1:3-5, 11-12)



## Message Talk Sheet (Continued...)

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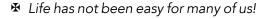


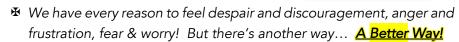
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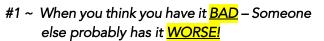
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