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January 1, 2023

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your name to my people. Praise the Lord all you who fear Him...For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but **he has listened to their cries for help.**

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**1 John 5:14-15** This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

**Ephesians 2:10** For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

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**James 1:2-4** Consider it all joy, my brothers *and sisters*, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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**John 15:14-17** “You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.”

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