

# Joyful Anticipation!



# Joy-Full ANTICIPATION

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“The wilderness and dry land will be joyously glad! The desert will blossom like a rose and rejoice! Every dry and barren place will burst forth with abundant blossoms, dancing and spinning with delight! Lebanon’s lush splendor covers it, the magnificent beauty of Carmel and Sharon. My people will see the awesome glory of Yahweh, the beautiful grandeur of our God. Strengthen those who are discouraged. Energize those who feel defeated. Say to the anxious and fearful, “Be strong and never afraid. Look, here comes your God! He is breaking through to give you victory! He comes to avenge your enemies. With divine retribution he comes to save you!” Then blind eyes will open and deaf ears will hear. Then the lame will leap like playful deer and the tongue-tied will sing songs of triumph. Gushing water will spring up in the wilderness and streams will flow through the desert. The burning sand will become a refreshing oasis, the parched ground bubbling springs, and the dragon’s lair a meadow with grass, reeds, and papyrus. There will be a highway of holiness called the Sacred Way. The impure will not be permitted on this road, but it will be accessible to God’s people. And not even fools will lose their way. The lion will not be found there; no wild beast will travel on it—they will not be found there. But the redeemed will find a pathway on it. Yahweh’s ransomed ones will return with glee to Zion. They will enter with a song of rejoicing and be crowned with everlasting JOY. Ecstatic JOY will overwhelm them; weariness and grief will disappear!” Isaiah 35 TPT

I love the Word of God! No matter what I am facing, I find strength and encouragement throughout its pages. Like Jeremiah, as we devour His word, it becomes the JOY and DELIGHT of our hearts! After all, Jesus Himself is the Word. As we feast upon Him, we cannot help but be JOY-FILLED!!!! From His fullness we continually receive grace heaped upon more grace!



“Jesus stood and shouted out to the crowds—‘All you thirsty ones, come to me! Come to me and drink! Believe in me so that rivers of living water will burst out from within you, flowing from your innermost being, just like the Scripture says!’”  
- John 7:37-38 TPT

Look to Christ this new year with JOY-FULL anticipation! He is the OVERFLOWING fountain that never runs dry! Our God fulfills His Word to His people to the end of the ages! He is our strength and our song! No matter where we have been and what He has done there is always MORE! And, He always saves the best for last! Oh, what a Savior! What a Friend! Drink of Him today and be JOY-FILLED! And rejoice! And again, and again, and again, I say RE-JOICE!!!

“Stop dwelling on the past. Don’t even remember these former things. I am doing something brand new, something unheard of. Even now it sprouts and grows and matures. Don’t you perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and open up flowing streams in the desert. Wild beasts, jackals, and owls will glorify me. For I supply streams of water in the desert and rivers in the wilderness to satisfy the thirst of my people, my chosen ones, so that you, whom I have shaped and formed for myself, will proclaim My praise.”  
-Isaiah 43:18-21 TPT

Woooo Hooooo! Praise His Holy Name!!!! Happy New Year and God Bless!!!

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”  
Acts 2:17, 21



# New Year Testimonies



Natalie

My name is Natalie Rodriguez, I've been at Mary's Song for 6 weeks now, and my life has totally done a 180. Before Mary's Song I lived a life with no definite direction. I was led by my emotions and relationships. I resorted to alcohol to cope with the everyday things that life was throwing at me. I fell off my path that God had for me.

Since being at Mary's Song I have started to rebuild my relationship with the Lord. He is showing me true love and that I am enough. No matter what I'm going through and what life throws at me He will always be there with me, guiding me on the path that He destined for me. He has been speaking a word to my heart lately which is "Truth's shining light guides me in my choices and decisions; the revelation of your word makes my pathway clear." -Psalm 119:105 TPT. I will take His word and follow the path He has set for me in 2022.

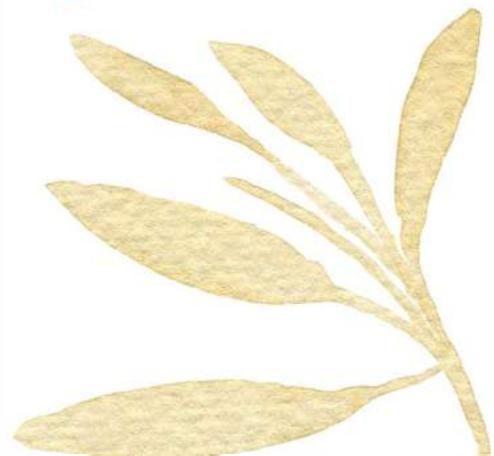
My name is Vera! I'm from Jackson Mississippi and I have been at Mary's Song for 6 Months. My word for 2022 is Elevation, or the height to which something is raised; a lifting up. Another word the Lord has given me is mature which means based on slow careful consideration; having attained a final or desired state or relating to a condition of full development.

Jesus is raising me up and bringing me into full development in Him. He will finish what He starts -Phil 1:6. His love for me is exceeding my level of pain and I'm learning to know Him in His sufferings.

He has told me to stop living in "less than" and to take hold of Him and my inheritance. I am totally excited to see what 2022 holds for me.



Vera





My name is Jade and I have been at Mary's Song for 6 months. As a child the enemy planted a lie within me that I believed for many years. I believed, regardless of what people told me, that I was not enough. I wasn't pretty enough or smart enough. Even though there was evidence of success, I believed I would always let everyone down and I would always fail.

Since being at Mary's Song and Victory Church my spiritual eyes are being opened and the Lord is using me. By the direction of my leaders, I have been asked to share testimonies and pray for specific people. Every time I was asked, I felt inadequate and in need of the Holy Spirit to guide me. He showed up every time leaving me with an overwhelming emotion I couldn't define. The Lord revealed to me during one of the recent revival meetings that the emotion I was feeling was the feeling of "enough".

In Exodus when God appears to Moses in the burning bush, Moses starts telling God about all of his inadequacies. Moses basically felt just as I did. He was not enough and no one would believe him. God then tells Moses that He is with him and that makes Moses "enough" and with God, so am I. God replied, "I Am the One Who Always Is. Just tell them I Am has sent me to you." -Exodus 3:14 NLT

Wow! I cannot believe that the year 2022 is among us already, but fear not, so is our God! Emmanuel, God with us, is the name that has permeated my mind and heart immensely! The comfort it brings is immeasurable. For many years I attempted to lead my own way, of course I failed miserably, but now I know my God is the Way Maker!



He literally rescued me from myself, even when I felt I wasn't worth it. I can't even begin to fully comprehend the magnitude of love that He has for me. As I continue to study and saturate in His word and presence, I feel the delight of His redemption. To be brought back into good standing with my Father means the world to me! With that being said, I am filled with joyful anticipation about my new chapter. Though I don't know what the future holds, I do know who holds my future, Emmanuel. A comforting, confirmation scripture for me is Hebrews 13:5-6 which says, "Keep your life free from love of money and be content with what you have for he has said, I will never leave you nor forsake you. So, we can confidently say, the Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"



*Faith*

I believe that this new year, 2022 will be the year that Isaiah 22:22 will begin to manifest in my life and my whole household. God is closing some doors that will never be opened again and opening some that will never be shut. A true "Joseph miracle!". I believe this next movement of God is not only bringing breakthrough, but will also catapult us right where we need to be.

So many of us have dwelt long enough on the mountain like the Israelites did long ago because of their wrong mindset (Deuteronomy 1:6). It is time to move on. Last year the Lord gave me these specific words that I feel are coming upon us. I heard "when the wave of the Holy Ghost comes; warrior, ride the wave". Brace yourselves sons and daughters of God. It is harvest time....

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*Abundance*  
*Emmanuel*  
*Mature Enough*

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