

# VOICES OF HOPE



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## MISSION

*Ignited by faith, we live out God's love by embracing, equipping and empowering vulnerable people in Southern California*

## VISION

*Sharing the love of Christ, we are a community to care and be cared for...*

*Where the vulnerable are safer and stronger*

*Where the dependent are self-sustaining*

*Where the isolated dwell in community*

*Where the weary will be given hope*

## VALUES

*Compassion / Advocacy  
Collaboration / Respect  
Innovation / Stewardship*

## *Happy day after!*

"This is the day the Lord has made; I will rejoice and be glad!" What a wonderful day it is and will be if you will look toward the future with the hope Christ gives.

I know many are facing challenges this year and may not have celebrated the holiday with family and extended family. However, don't lose hope; tomorrow brings the opportunity for a chance that we may be able to do so soon. Fingers crossed~

Don't look at restrictions this year as something that causes you so much distress that you forget to be grateful for what is right in front of you; the home you are living in right now or the bed you slept in last night, or the food you were able to go to your refrigerator and eat. Oh well, you couldn't go out and have a fancy meal or gather with a massive group of friends and family, but that's okay. Tomorrow is a new day. Heck, today is a new day, and I praise God for it.

That's the beauty of being one of God's creations; we have free will. We can choose happiness regardless of what is going on around us. So, if you are reading this today, take heart. Be happy and be grateful. Look for all the positives in your life when others are looking at all the negatives. Truly embrace the ideal of Gratefulness and watch how you change and how the things around you will begin to look very different than before.

The scripture I leave with you this Thanksgiving is found in John, chapter 4, verse 4:

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*"Greater is He who is in you, than He who is in the world."*  
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Just know on this wonderfully beautiful day after Thanksgiving, that even in our most challenging times, God is with us. God will hold and sustain us.

## *Blessings sent your way this Thanksgiving Friday,*

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