

**WRITE YOUR OWN HEADLINE
(IN GOD WE TRUST, Part 3)
Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic**

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Every day, we hear negative news (sickness, death, economic disaster, corruption, divisiveness). But, even in a complicated/chaotic world, we can shift our perspective and find peace and hope in God. As Christians, we must share the good news about Jesus. "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news" (Isa.52:7; Rom. 10:13-15). Let us declare 2025 as the "**YEAR of GOD's FAVOR!**" It is a year acceptable to the Lord every day.



1. **How did Jesus start His earthly ministry?** Jesus returned to Galilee filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 4:14-15). Like Jesus, we cannot do anything without the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:16-17). We must give Him authority and power to change us; otherwise, we grieve Him (Isa. 61:2)
 - 1.1. He proclaimed the good news to the poor (Matt.5:3).
 - 1.2. He proclaimed liberty to captives. Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
 - 1.3. He gave recovery of sight to the blind.
 - 1.4. He let the oppressed go free.
 - 1.5. He healed the broken hearted.
 - 1.6. He rendered forgiveness to the guilty.
 - 1.7. He gave freedom and released those who felt trapped (deliverance, laughter, relief joy (1 Tim 4:13; Josh 1:6-8).
2. **Jesus was rejected in Nazareth.** When Jesus said, "I am the messiah!" there was silence, disbelief; they even drove Him to the hill intending to kill Him (Lk. 4:28-29). Their reasons are also our problems today:
 - 2.1. **Lack of faith** (Matt.13:58, Mk. 4:40, Heb. 11:1,6). Faith is the substance of something hoped for; believing the unseen. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Faith is now; hope is in the future.
 - 2.2. **Unbelief** (Jn. 16:9, Mk. 6:5-6). Perhaps, we do not talk or listen to Him; we are cooling

- off in our relationship with Him.
- 2.3. **Disbelief** (Mk. 16:14, Jn. 20:25). They refused to accept. Jesus blesses those who overcome disbelief (James 1:12).
 - 2.4. **Doubt.** Familiarity breeds contempt or apathy. They were expecting someone with higher stature (born from royalty). Jesus seeks people who have beautiful faith who bring the good news to the poor.
 - 2.5. **Wrong response.** Do we answer correctly to the word of God? To demand proof is a wrong response. Jesus reveals the heart of the people who are unconvinced.

**3. God is telling us to write our own HEADLINES.
What will help you reset your perspective?**

- 3.1 Set our minds above and focus on the true, the beautiful, the word of God (Col. 3:1-3, Phil 4:8). Remove negativity and trash from our minds.
 - 3.2 Renew our minds to know the will of God, and His plan for our life (Rom. 12:2).
 - 3.3 Change our perspective. Let us not dwell on the problems. Instead, focus on positive headlines - what God can do
 - 3.4 Create positive headlines! Look at our main passage (Col 3:1-3). "God is with us!"
 - 3.5 Read and study the Bible (1 Tim.4:13, Josh.1:6-8). Recite it daily, and we will be successful whatever we do, wherever we go.
4. **Believe and claim the power of God's WORD.**
- 4.1. **Trust God's Word.** Faith is the ability to trust what we cannot see. In every step, let us walk with Him, not ahead of Him.
 - 4.2 **Faith is believing the unseen.** What happened after our initial meeting with God. Do we demand signs? Let us be thankful for the small victories.
 - 4.3 **Step out in Faith alone** (Jas. 2:17). We are destined to die in the flames of death unless we act in faith. Some of us do not live in faith. Take the right step today towards joy and intimacy with God.

Conclusion: Let us accept Jesus and respond in faith. It is a "**Year of GRACE**" to accept Him before it is too late.

Reflection: What would you write as your headline?

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