



Are you ready for

CHRISTMAS?



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No matter where you are on your journey,
that's exactly where you **need to be.**
The next road is always ahead.

— Oprah Winfrey —



1. *A Courageous Journey for Christ .. First Sunday of Advent*
2. *Prepare a Path to Christ .. Second Sunday of Advent*
3. *Celebrate Joy of the Advent of Christ .. Third Sunday of Advent*
4. *Be at Peace with Christ .. Christmas Eve*
5. *New Year with Christ .. New Year's Eve*

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Luke 1:5-20

The Annunciation of John's Birth



Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense.

Luke 1:7-9

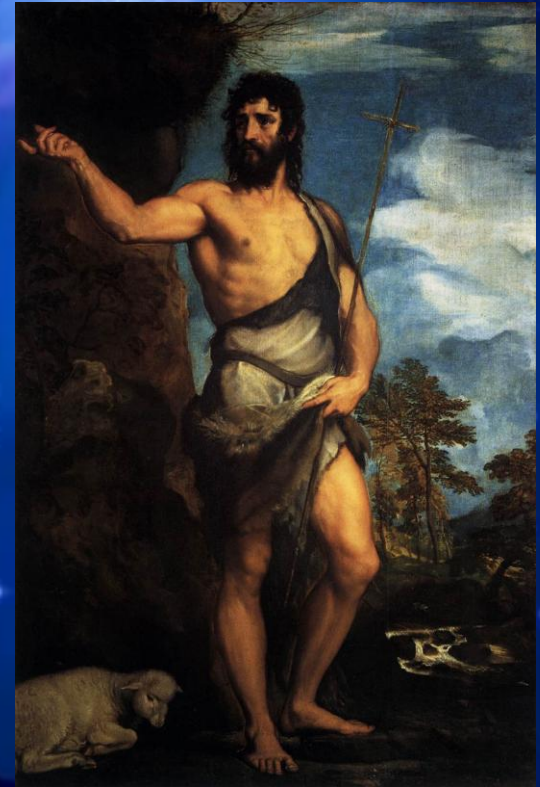


Luke 1:5-20

The Fate of His Son John

Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of **Elijah**, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous – to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

Luke 1:16-17



Luke 1:5-20

“John, Your Prayer Has Been Heard”



A GOOD Son for God and His People!

The angel said to him:

“Do not be afraid, Zechariah, **your prayer** has been heard.
Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord.

Luke 1:13-14

Luke 1:5-20

Zechariahs - The Righteous of the Lord

In the eighth month of the second year of Darius,
the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah,
son of Berekiah, the Son of Iddo.
Zechariah 1:1



Then the Lord will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign Lord will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, and the Lord Almighty will shield them. ...

The Lord their God will save them on that day!

Zechariah 9:14, 16

1. You are called to prepare a way for the Lord.



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25 Different ways to prepare for
Christmas



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"ABRAHAM FELL
FACEDOWN; HE
LAUGHED AND SAID TO
HIMSELF, 'WILL A SON
BE BORN TO A MAN A
HUNDRED YEARS OLD?
WILL SARAH BEAR A
CHILD AT THE AGE
OF NINETY?'"

GENESIS 17:17



Isaac
("Laughter")
was born.

"And now you will be
silent and not able to
speak until the day this
happens, **because you
did not believe my
words**, which will come
true at their proper time."

heartlight.org Luke 1:20

Personal Prep of Christmas

How Can I Know?

- Luke 1:18-20 NLT -

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2. Let many rejoice with your dedication of presence among the people.



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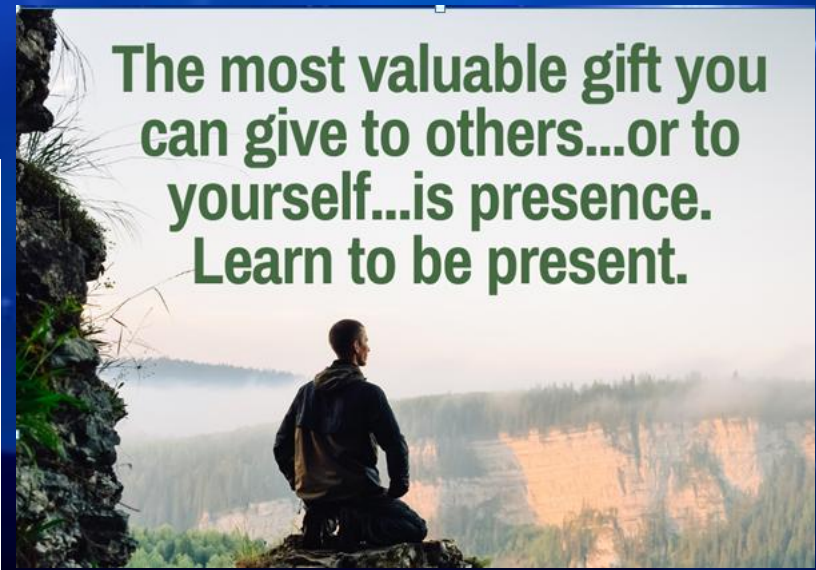
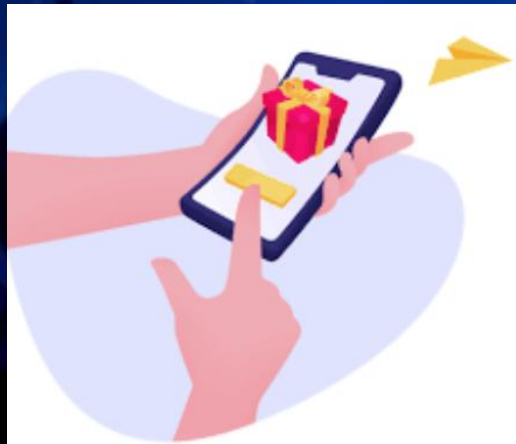
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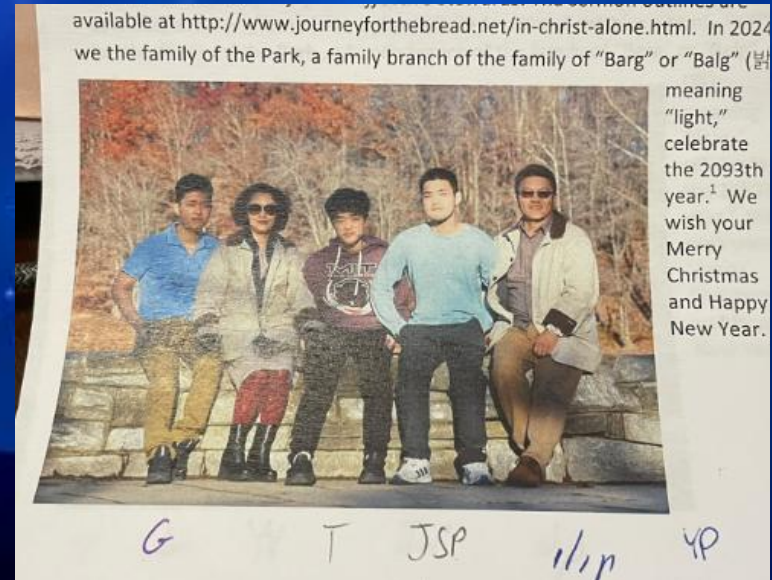
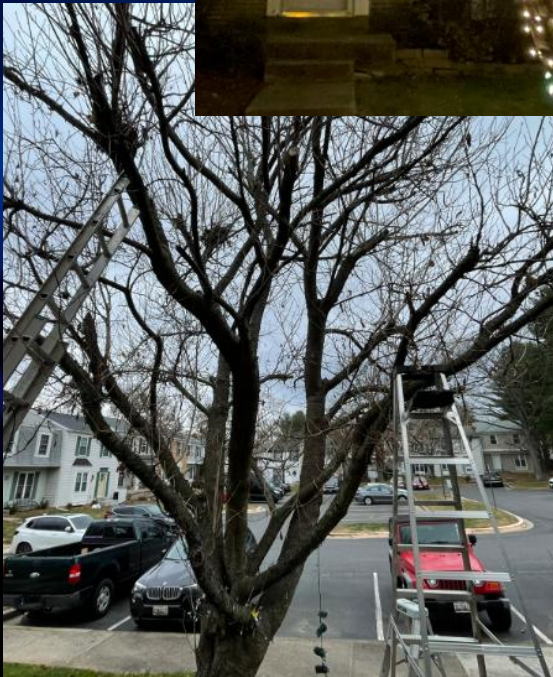


The most valuable gift you can give to others...or to yourself...is presence. Learn to be present.

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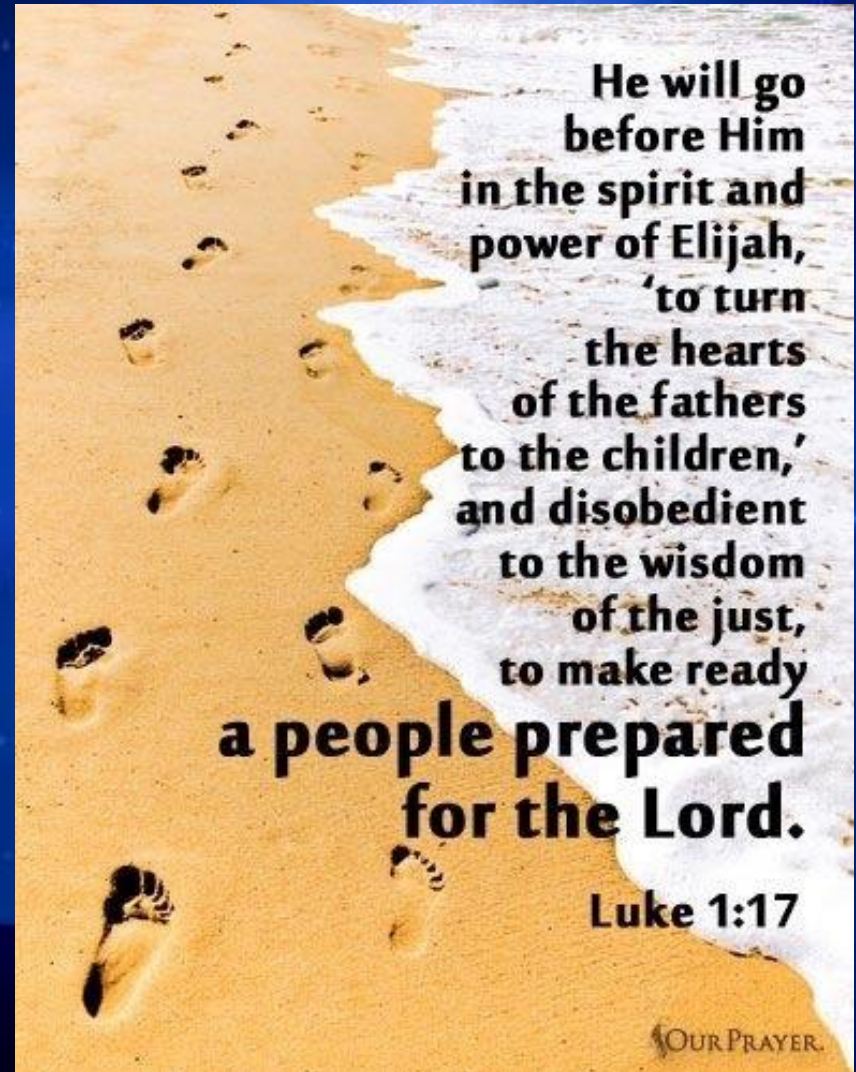
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