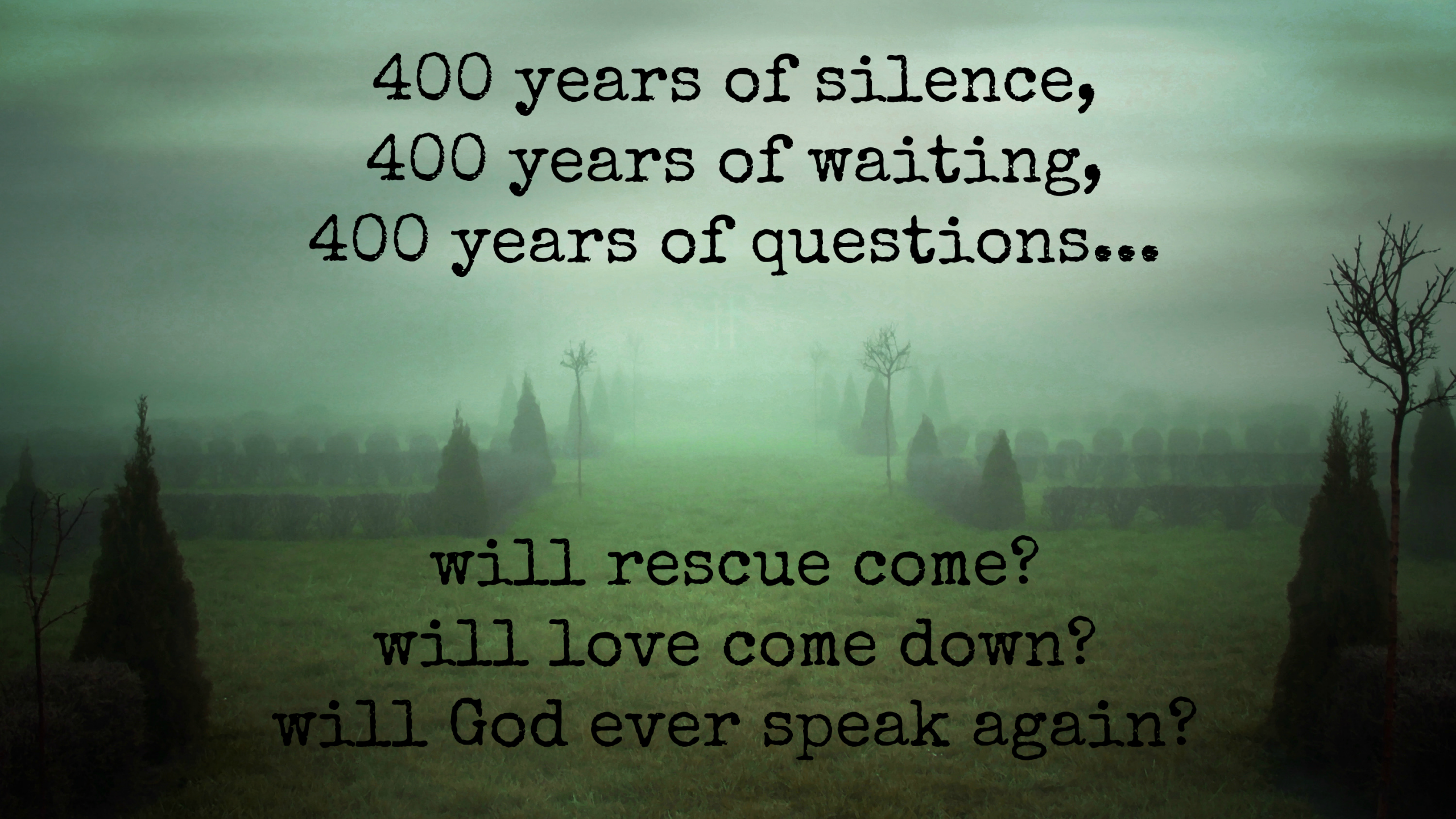


A VOICE CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

Luke 3:2 – 6

Malachi 4:5-6 NKJV

⁵ "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

A misty, green-tinted landscape with silhouettes of trees and a field. The scene is atmospheric and somber, with a dense fog or mist hanging over a grassy field. In the background, several tall, thin trees stand as dark silhouettes against the lighter, hazy sky. The overall mood is one of quiet reflection and longing.

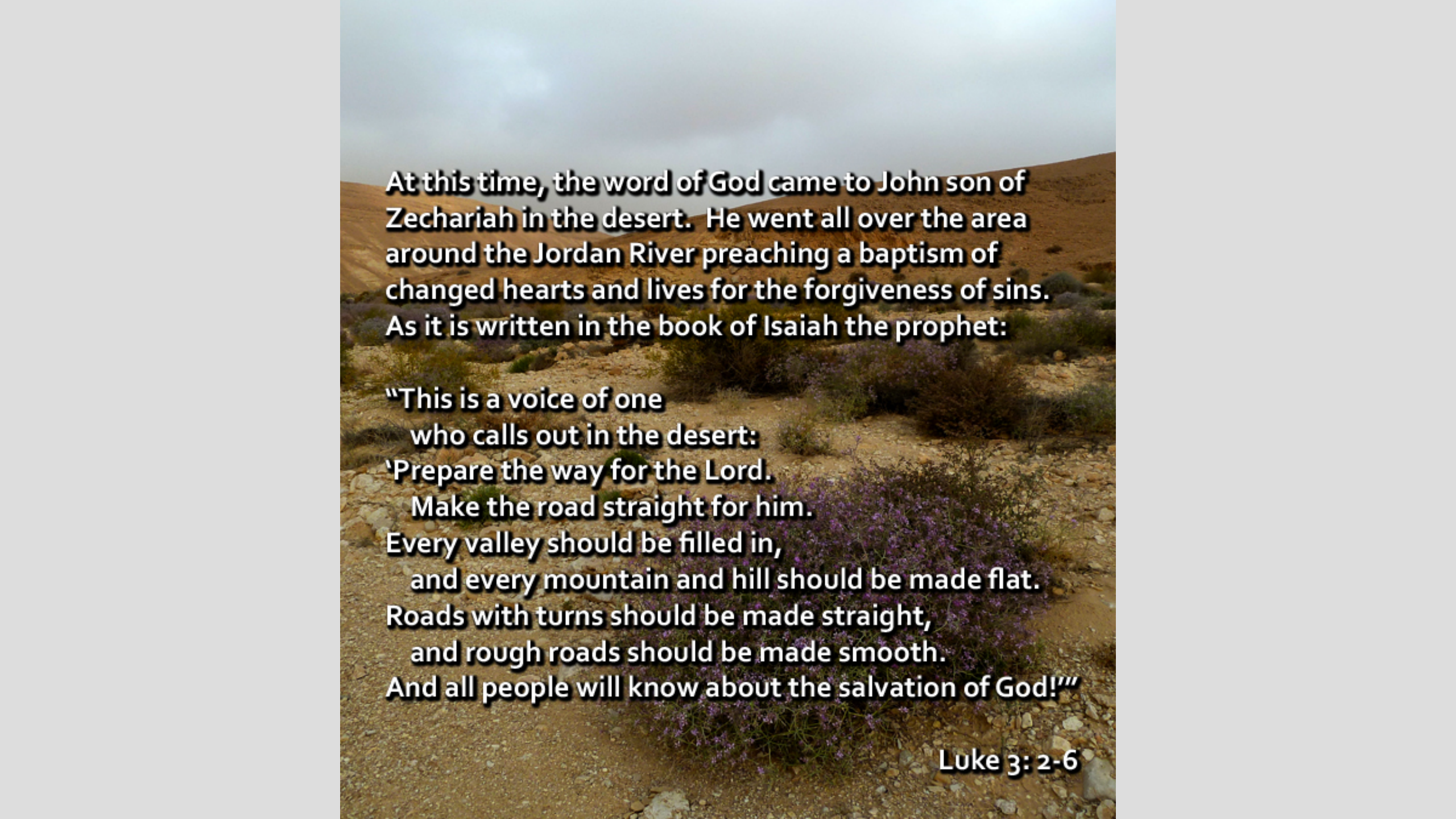
400 years of silence,
400 years of waiting,
400 years of questions...

will rescue come?
will love come down?
will God ever speak again?

“A VOICE OF ONE CALLING:
‘IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE
THE WAY FOR THE LORD:
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT
A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.’”

ISAIAH 40:3





At this time, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went all over the area around the Jordan River preaching a baptism of changed hearts and lives for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of Isaiah the prophet:

**“This is a voice of one
who calls out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make the road straight for him.
Every valley should be filled in,
and every mountain and hill should be made flat.
Roads with turns should be made straight,
and rough roads should be made smooth.
And all people will know about the salvation of God!’”**

Luke 3: 2-6

**PREPARING THE WAY FOR
THE LORD**



**PREPARING
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- **Make yourself available for God!**
 - Matthew 3:4 – 6





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 - Matthew 3:4 – 6
 - Isaiah 6:8



**PREPARING
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LORD**

- Make yourself available for God!
- **Make room for God!**
 - Luke 3:15 – 17
 - I Corinthians 15:10 – 11



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LORD**

- Make yourself available for God!
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- **Make Jesus the priority!**
 - John 1:29 – 34
 - John 1:35 – 37
 - James 4:8

My relationship with
God is my
number one focus.
I know that if I
take care of that,
God will take care of
everything else.

**“Spending time with
God is the key to our
strength and
success in all areas
of life. Be sure that
you never try to work
God into your
schedule, but always
work your schedule
around Him.”**

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 - Deuteronomy 6:4 – 9
 - Mark 12:28 – 30



**THIS YEAR WE ARE MAKING
JESUS CHRIST THE PRIORITY!**

His Life



His Life



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**HAVE YOU MADE JESUS
CHRIST THE PRIORITY IN
YOUR LIFE?**