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Prepare the Way of the Lord

Luke 3:3, 8-9 (John the Baptist
preaches repentance)



Susie Larson writes, "You'll never be free from a sin you refuse to recognize."

Even though it may seem odd to focus on repentance in the Christmas season, we will all be missing places God wants us to live more freely if we never take the time to allow Him to search our hearts and show us what has to go. And just as the Israelites longed for the freedom they expected the Messiah's arrival to bring, we should be longing for complete freedom. Our complete freedom is also one of the key ways that others see what God has to offer His followers. When someone in your life sees you living free from anxiety, rage, bitterness, or shame, they will want to know how you experienced such a noticeable transformation. Seeing the brokenness around us should not lead us to despair but to more fervent hope for the return of Jesus. *Revelation 21:3-4* says, "And I heard a thunderous voice from the throne, saying: "Look! God's tabernacle is with human beings. And from now on he will tabernacle with them as their God. Now God himself will have his home with them—'God-with-them' will be their God! He will wipe away every tear from their eyes and eliminate death entirely. No one will mourn or weep any longer. The pain of wounds will no longer exist, for the old order has ceased." There's a song written by the band Caedmon's Call entitled "Prepare Ye the Way." The lyrics capture something of the importance of repentance that is so key to this season. Read through them and ask Holy Spirit to highlight the aspect of repentance He wants you to focus on with His perfect guidance and love.

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Caedmon's Call "Prepare Ye the Way"



The Word of the Lord came one evening
Concerning His bride's great sin
He'd send down His Word to renew her
To prepare for the Bridegroom again
The Word said repent
From seeking vain glories
While the gifts in the Lord's name you give
Repent of all the first stones cast to kill
While your own self-righteousness lives
Prepare ye the way for the Lord
Prepare ye the way for the kingdom
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way for the Lord
The Word said repent and turn from your strivings
Repent and turn from your hatred
Repent from the doctrines of men that divide
And fear like the wedding gown ripped
Walk in His love like newborn children
Walk in His love, let the wedding gown mend
Walk in His love, with humility come with pure hearts
And cast all your cares to the wind
The Word of the Lord came one evening
Concerning His bride's sin
He assured me we will be forgiven
And then let the marriages begin

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