What is Jesus Preparing for You in 2024?

Luke 2:21-38

Have you seen *the salvation* God has prepared for you? Everything begins here.

 V31. "For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."



2. The expectation of God is that what He is doing in my life is an entrustment, a "preparation," for what He wants to do in another's life. The church is also under His expectation that we will be united in the entrustments He has given us. This is our Purpose, our reason, for existence.

Bethany Church is a vibrant, diverse, community of faith actively seeking Jesus Christ and sharing the love of God with our community and beyond. We are intentional about guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, while actively and creatively serving others through local and international missions.

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3. How do you think Simeon and Anna prepared themselves so that they could be used by God to pour into the lives of Mary and Joseph?

V29.
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John 15:1-2

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"The measure of the worth of our public activity for God is the private, profound, communion we have with Him."

 Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost for His Highest,* 1/6. 4. How can you and I be a divine entrustment, a "preparation," for someone else in 2024?

- 1. Believe that God wants me on His "entrustment team."
- 2. Believe what God says about me and not what I say about myself; that He is the source that enables me to bless others.
- 3. Commit to daily "abiding in the true vine" of Jesus.
- 4. Act on your entrustments.

Next steps.

- 1. Decide today that if you are not sitting with Jesus on a daily basis that you will begin tomorrow morning (or evening). Give Jesus no less than 20 minutes of your time.
- There are many devotional sources, study sources that you can use. I will email a list later today of some you might consider. Alternatively, email <u>kip@yourbethany.org</u> for a copy of my sermon notes. Use those notes to study today's sermon for the entire week.