



#### Luke 1:39-45 NIV

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#### Isaiah 40:3 NIV

A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.





#### Matthew 3:1-3 NIV

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." 3 This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

> "A voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"





#### Malachi 3:1 NIV

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.





#### Matthew 11:7-10 NIV

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. I0 This is the one about whom it is written:

" 'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

> Previous Scripture: Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3; Isaiah 40:3





#### Isaiah 7:14 NIV

# Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Previous Scripture: Matthew 11:7-10; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3





#### Matthew 1:22-23 NIV

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

> Previous Scripture: Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 11:7-10; Malachi 3:1



**I. Tell Somebody Who Can Relate** Luke 1:39-40 NIV



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Previous Scripture: Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 11:7-10

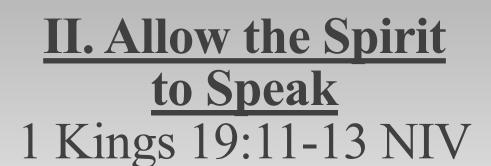


**II. Allow the Spirit to Speak** Luke 1:41-44 NIV



41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.







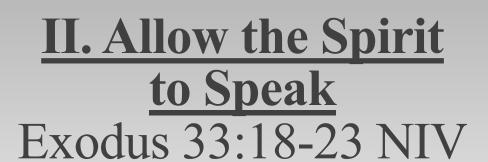
11 The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. 12 After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. 13 When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Previous Scripture: Luke 1:41-44; Luke 1:39-40; Matthew 1:22-23







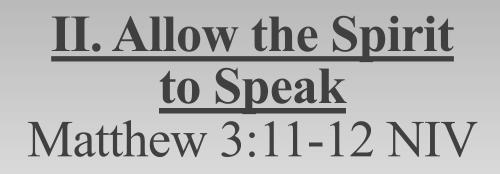
18 Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

19 And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

21 Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. 22 When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. 23 Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

> Previous Scripture: 1 Kings 19:11-13; Luke 1:41-44; Luke 1:39-40







11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

> Previous Scripture: Exodus 33:18-23; 1 Kings 19:11-13; Luke 1:41-44



II. Allow the Spirit to Speak Acts 3:6-8 NIV



6 Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. 8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

> Previous Scripture: Matthew 3:11-12; Exodus 33:18-23; 1 Kings 19:11-13



**III. Believe and Be Blessed**Luke 1:45 NIV



## Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Previous Scripture: Acts 3:6-8; Matthew 3:11-12; Exodus 33:18-23



**III. Believe and Be Blessed** Luke 19:40 NIV



### "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Previous Scripture: Luke 1:45; Acts 3:6-8: Matthew 3:11-12



III. Believe and Be Blessed John 3:27-31 NIV



27 To this John replied, "A person can receive only what is given them from heaven. 28 You yourselves can testify that I said, 'I am not the Messiah but am sent ahead of him.' 29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. 30 He must become greater; I must become less."

31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

Previous Scripture: Luke 19:40; Luke 1:45; Acts 3:6-8