



DAY 26



PREPARATION

A voice is calling, “Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. “Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Isaiah 40:3-5

There are missionaries working in some of the remotest parts of the world. One of the lifelines these faithful servants have are the missionary bush pilots whose ministry is to provide a connection for these missionaries to the outside world. Before the pilots can fly into an area, they must first make preparations. They must clear jungles, remove trees, level rough ground, and provide stable zones for airplanes to land. Many landing strips are very primitive lanes carved out of thick forests and steep mountainsides. Careful preparations are essential for safe and crash-free landings.

This mental picture of a landing strip is what comes to mind when I read this passage in Isaiah. Make smooth where it is rough... make high where it is low...make low where it is high...the goal is for a smooth, level ground where it is easy to traverse. A highway is much easier to travel than a mountain trail.

Isaiah says the glory of God will be revealed soon and we must make preparations. Proclaim the coming of the Lord...let people know the good news...prepare hearts to receive God among them! Jesus Christ came just as Isaiah prophesied but the people were not ready.

He's coming again...will you be ready when He does?

Are you making preparations in your heart to receive Him?

Will you tell others of His coming?

Lord, teach us to make preparation for the coming Savior. As Isaiah admonished the world to prepare for the coming Child, teach us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a waiting world. You received glory through the coming of Christ...glorify Your Name as He comes again. Be glorified in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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