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New Year 2023

Follow Jesus Up Close!

¹ The beginning of the good news about **Jesus the Messiah**, the **Son of God**, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"-

³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

⁴ And so **John the Baptist** appeared in the wilderness, preaching a **baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins**. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁶ **John** wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes **the one more powerful than I**, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you in water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-8

➤ Prepare to receive Jesus' forgiving & living power ___!

**The One whose sandals you're no worthy to untie,
will stoop down and wash your feet with his bare hands!**

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as **Jesus** was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and **the Spirit** descending on him like a dove.

¹¹ And a **voice came from heaven**: "You are **my Son**, whom **I love**; with you I am **well pleased**." ¹² At once the **Spirit sent him out** into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

Mark 1:9-13

➤ Jesus knows loving communion & fierce opposition ___!

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the **good news of God**. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has **come near**. Repent and believe the good news!" ¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw **Simon** and his brother **Andrew** casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ "**Come, follow me**," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw **James** son of Zebedee and his brother **John** in a boat, preparing their nets.

²⁰ Without delay **he called them**, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

Mark 1:14-20

➤ Respond to Jesus' call reprioritizing to follow ___!

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!

Our Vision

To be a dynamic and diverse family of believers in Jesus Christ connected in transforming relationships with God, each other, and our world!

Our Purpose and Mission

To connect people with God, God's family, and God's mission through a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!

Our Strategy

To fulfill God's purpose in our lives through a balanced commitment to love God with our entire being and to love our neighbor as ourselves, according to God's Great Commandment and Great Commission in the Bible.

Our Commitment

Growth

To speak and act more like Jesus Christ each day of our lives.
To reach people disconnected from God with the love of Jesus.

Relationships

To develop depth, consistency, and closeness in our walk with Jesus.
To share life and spiritual journey together with each other.

Relevance

To apply God's truths and principles to life in practical ways.
To engage and meaningfully share Jesus with people.

Involvement

To participate in church family relationships and responsibilities.
To discover and contribute our dynamic and diverse abilities.

Truth

To value Jesus Christ and the Bible as God's eternal revelation to us.
To believe and center on Jesus Christ as forgiver and life leader.

Let's Catch the Vision and Share the Mission Together!

"We are an autonomous, biblically-based church family that actively partners locally and internationally to fulfill our mission to connect people in transforming relationship with Jesus Christ!"