

First Friends Church
“Prepare Him Room” – Revelation
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Beyond what our minds can conceive
Beyond what our eyes can believe
Beyond what our ears have been longing to hear
You said if we asked we'd receive
Reveal your ways, Restore your fame
Release your miraculous ways
Jesus reveal yourself today

(from Is. 64:4 Stan Hinshaw © 2004)

Revelation brings to light what we cannot see.

When the Lord seeks to move us into a new dimension of his will, he wants to give us an increase of vision, anointing, and power. In order for that to happen we need to prepare (wait), overcome opposition, obey (surrender), and give thanks (adoration). This process will transform us.

Is. 42:6 *"... I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.*

Prov. 29:18 *If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.* (Message)

The Christmas Story is about the Light of Revelation

John 1:4 *In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. 9 The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. 14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Revelations of Light from the Christmas Story:

1. God's chooses to give us the gift of grace ("favor").
 - a. Mary was a poor, young, country girl but God had a plan for her.
 - i. She was "greatly troubled" at those words...so are we!
 - ii. Worthiness and achievement have nothing to do with it.

1 Peter 2:9 *But you are a chosen people...*

2. God reveals his plan and releases his miraculous power.
 - a. Angel: You will give birth to the Messiah!
 - b. Mary: "How will this be?"
 - c. Nothing is impossible with God!

Ephes. 1:17-18 *"I keep asking for a spirit of wisdom and revelation..."*

3. God only asks for our humble and obedient response.
 - a. Mary: "May it be to me as you have said."
 - b. Every revelation from God demands a response.
 - c. Then God produces results: The Word becomes "flesh" in our lives too!

Phil. 2:1-12 *"...shine like stars..."*

How do we prepare room in our hearts for the miraculous Light of revelation – Jesus – to come?

1. Accept his gift of grace ("favor")
2. Accept his plans and power to accomplish them.
 - a. Respond with humble obedience.
3. Let The Word become "flesh" in you...be Jesus to someone this Christmas!