

**Renew Series Part 9 – Repentance and Faith**  
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**Key Passage: Romans 12:2; Matthew 3:1-12; Isaiah 40:3-4**

*“If we want God in our lives, we have to make a way for Him to enter.”* Rabbi Y. Eckstein

*A spiritual desert results when God’s life-giving waters are not present.*

We believe that for men and women to appropriate what God’s prevenient grace has made possible, they must voluntarily respond in repentance and faith. The ability comes from God, but the act is the individual’s.

- 1). **Prepare** the way  
(Prepare for His **Arrival**)

Here in lies that greatest challenge in the life of every believer since the beginning of time...to do it **God’s way!**

- 2). **Straighten** the way  
(Remove the **Bends** in Your Life)

*1Th 5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- 3). Create the **Highway**  
(Clear the **Obstacles** Away)

*Isaiah 40:4 Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.*

