

But the Lord answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things**; but **only one thing is necessary**, for Mary has chosen the **good portion**, which shall not be taken away from her." **Luke 10:38-42**

- 1) You'll know you're **distracted** (from His Presence) when instead of resting you find yourself "**worried, and bothered** about so many things." – **Overcome by the Phantasmagoria**.
- 2) **Fruitfulness/productivity comes primarily from union, not from labor. John 15:5, Romans 7:4**
- 3) The "One Thing" we must do is "Press" our way to break through the Phantasmagoria to come into the Secret Place of God's Love Relationship with us – to Know Him.

Example: Mark 4:13-20

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but **one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14**

A heavenly atmosphere cannot be accomplished instantly, nor spoken into being. This spiritual sensitivity can only be developed through a continual seeking of the Lord's presence.

2018 – It's time to cultivate our hearts for His Presence.

Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

4 Lessons:

- 1) Knowing God must not be a means to end.
- 2) We must eliminate our private life from our relationship with God.
- 3) Business cannot be allowed to eclipse our love relationship with our Father.
- 4) Run in the Spirit of Adoption!

'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. Revelations 3:20

What's Happening at Friends

Class 101: Pizza with the Pastors Sunday, January 14th // 12:45 PM

Please join us in fellowship together as our pastoral staff shares the vision of the church! We look forward to getting to know you! Childcare and lunch are provided. Register online at www.friendschurch.org or by checking the box on the back of your communication card!

Financial Peace University Begins Monday, January 15th // 6 PM

With Dave Ramsey's 9 week Financial Peace University class, you can take control of your finances and start planning for your future! Childcare will be provided. Register online at www.friendschurch.org!

Women's Ministry Baby Shower Sunday, January 21st // 12:30 PM // Overflow Room

If you had a baby in October, November, or December (or are due anytime in January-March) then we would love to have an opportunity to get to know you and pray over your family! Please RSVP to Theresa Salzman at 907.388.7683 by this evening.

Weekly Budget: \$15,000 Weekly Giving: \$14,920

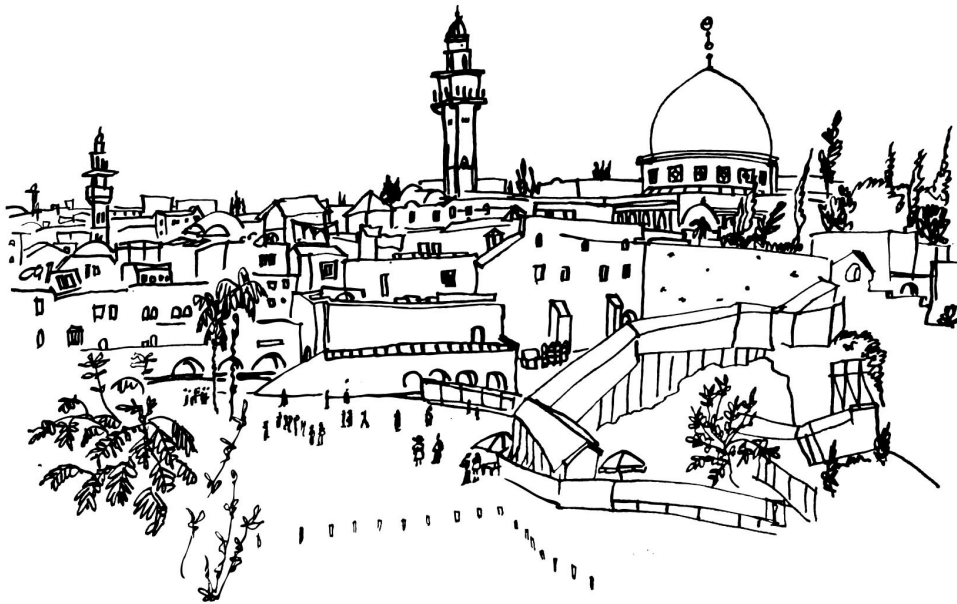
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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE



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January 7th

Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was **governor** of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the **high priesthood** of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. – **Secret Place -> Outside the governmental and religious matrix.**

The Lord separated unto Himself, John, the son of a priest, who was not a part of the “ministry.” He was called apart into a separated place, where he could personally meet the Lord and come to know His voice.

3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins**; 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, **700 BC**

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: '**Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.** 5 Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

This is about revelation, repentance, renewal of the mind, and new neural pathways in preparation for **THE GREATEST TRANSITION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!!**
John 3:16 A Love Revolution.

Mark 3:13-15: Every revolution begins in the Secret Place of Revelation.

And He went up on the mountain and called those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach...
In His Presence *For His Purpose*

"Now as they were traveling along, He entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. And she had a sister called Mary, who moreover was listening to the Lord's word, seated at His feet. But Martha was **distracted with all her preparations**; and she came up to Him, and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has **left me to do all the serving** alone? Then **tell her to help me.**"