

**A Worship Minute.....**

-taken from "From the Manger to the Cross", by Jeff Doles

"Prepare the way of the Lord;  
Make His paths straight."

-Mark 1:2-3, quoting Malachi 3:1 and Isaiah 40:3)

"Metaphorically, the language here is about preparing the hearts of the people to receive the King. The role of John the Baptist was to prepare the hearts of the people to receive the Messiah. He pointed them to Jesus and prepared their hearts, by repentance, to receive Him.

In the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our King, even as we watch for His return. It is a season of repentance, to let go of the expectations we have set upon ourselves, that we may more fully anticipate Him. Even now, He will bathe us with His Spirit and change the world."