

a VOICE

CRYING IN THE
WILDERNESS

LUKE 3:1-6

“Prepare the way
of the Lord,
make his paths
straight.”

Shake it off!
Step up!

NEXT EXIT
GOD'S
WAY
↓

NO EXIT

MY
WAY
↓ ↓ ↓ ↓

"Prepare the way of the Lord."

No threat.

Not a grim warning.

A gracious invitation!

*An invitation to prepare for
Christ to be born anew in your
heart.*

We are called to prepare the way by inviting people to hear the message that Christ has come and is with us.

(Emmanuel)

We are God's witness to those who do not understand or don't know.

Even risking life and limb.

<https://skitguys.com/videos/christmas-confusion>

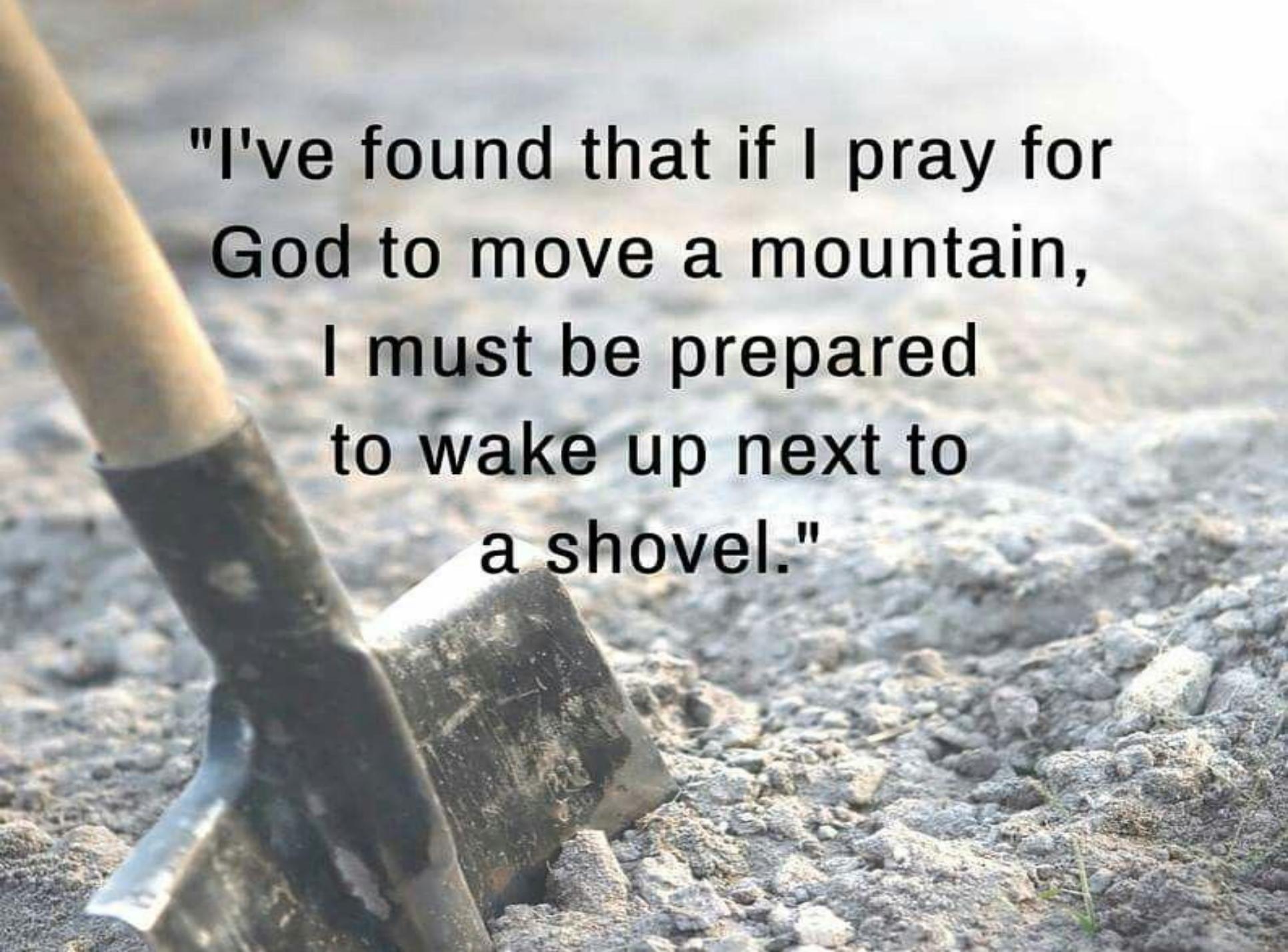
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We assume that everyone knows
Jesus and that he lived, died
and rose to free us from sin
and death so we can
concentrate on Kingdom Living
right now.

But that is not the case.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NRSV)

⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.



**"I've found that if I pray for
God to move a mountain,
I must be prepared
to wake up next to
a shovel."**

Malachi 3:1 (NRSV)

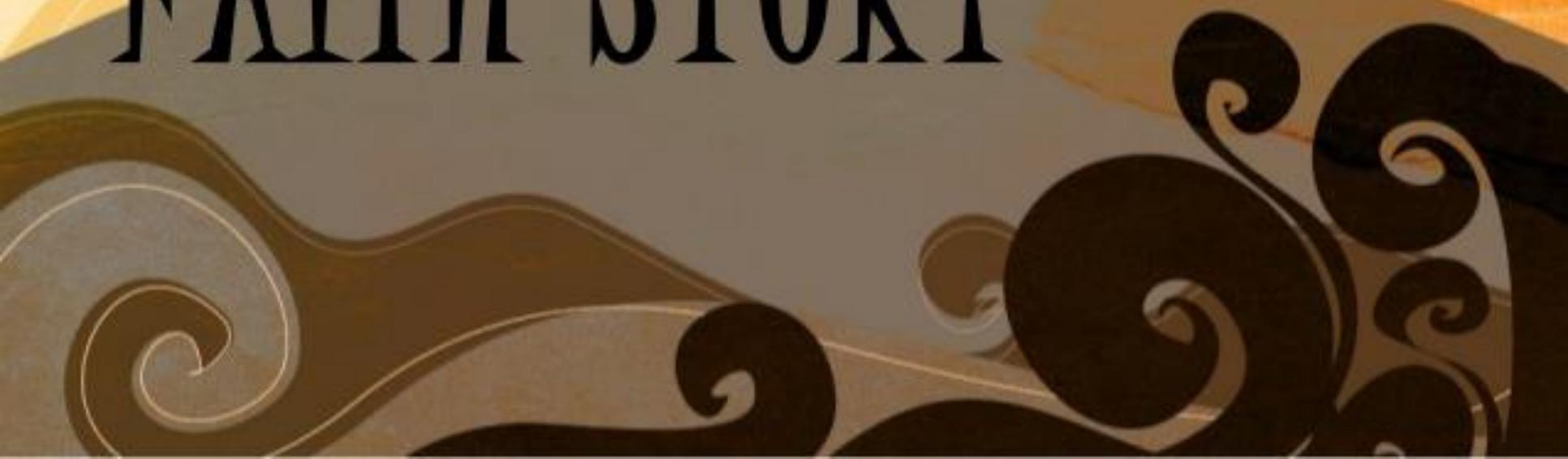
**3 See, I am sending my messenger to
prepare the way before me, and the
Lord whom you seek will suddenly
come to his temple.**



**OH NO!
NOT
EVANGELISM!**

*How do we prepare
and find
meaning
in our faith?*

SHARING
YOUR
FAITH STORY



"Enthusiasm"

is

God in You



*Awakening
the Image of God
within YOU!*

*“How soon 'not now' becomes
'never'.”*

- Martin Luther

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Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Children all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
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