



**Prepare the Way:  
The Power of Steadfast Love and Devotion!**

**Date:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Text:** Luke 1:5-25

**Passage Summary:** As we journey through life we come to discover that God often has so much more \_\_\_\_\_ for our lives than we could have ever \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that those who \_\_\_\_\_ God with a steadfast love and devotion are those who \_\_\_\_\_ the much greater plans and purposes He had for them all along! (Luke 1:5-25)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to a steadfast love and devotion, it involves...

- God fearing \_\_\_\_\_! (v.5-7)

**Remember:** When it comes to a steadfast love and devotion, allow God to bring your plans and expectations into \_\_\_\_\_ with His; you may discover that both the timing and the details are different, but you can be sure they will be more \_\_\_\_\_ than anything you could have ever imagined!

- God honoring \_\_\_\_\_! (v.8-13)

*"I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."*  
**1 Kings 19:4**

*"The Lord said to him, 'Go back the way you came...'"*  
**1 Kings 19:15**

**Remember:** When it comes to a steadfast love and devotion, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, and of the kind that shines not merely for a moment, but through the grace and enabling of God, over the long haul!

- God glorifying \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14-17)

**Remember:** When it comes to a steadfast love and devotion, God works personally and powerfully to accomplish His purposes \_\_\_\_\_ us, and then \_\_\_\_\_ us to further His Kingdom in the world; there are no accidents and nothing wasted in all that our redemptive God allows!

- God given \_\_\_\_\_! (v.18-25)

**Remember:** When it comes to a steadfast love and devotion, our God given responsibility is to simply \_\_\_\_\_ all that God has spoken to us concerning His \_\_\_\_\_, or as Paul would say to the Corinthians...

*"It is written: 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence."*

**2 Corinthians 4:13-14**

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that \_\_\_\_\_ obedience in the same direction in your relationship with Jesus Christ is your utmost aim; For as we learn from the example of Zechariah and Elizabeth, it is over the course of \_\_\_\_\_ that God's unique purposes for our lives are revealed, and the blessing that comes through them made known!

*"As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."*

**Luke 9:51**

*"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. For in just a very little while, 'He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.' But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."*

**Hebrews 10:35-39**