

CLEARING A PATH

Be Obedient

Acts 1:8

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⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1: 27

¹⁶ “Wash yourselves. Cleanse yourselves. Remove your evil deeds from my sight. Stop doing evil. ¹⁷ Learn to do what is good. Pursue justice. Correct the oppressor. Defend the rights of the fatherless. Plead the widow’s cause. Isaiah 1:16-17

⁵ God in his holy dwelling is a father of the fatherless and a champion of widows.⁶ God provides homes for those who are deserted. He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a scorched land. Psalms 68:5-6

1. Clearing a Path for children to feel _____

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Now this is what the Lord says - the one who created you, Jacob, and the one who formed you, Israel - “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1

2. Clearing a Path for _____ to occur.

When the crowds found out, they followed him. He welcomed them, spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. Luke 9:11

Jesus says: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10

3. Clearing a Path for children to experience appropriate _____

⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for bread, would give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asked for a fish, would give a snake? ¹¹ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Matthew 7:9-11

4. Clearing a Path to bring renewed _____

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

We have also obtained access through him by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2

5. Clearing a Path for these children to experience God’s _____

For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

¹³ Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, ¹⁴ but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵ And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. Matthew 19:13-15

⁹ If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10