



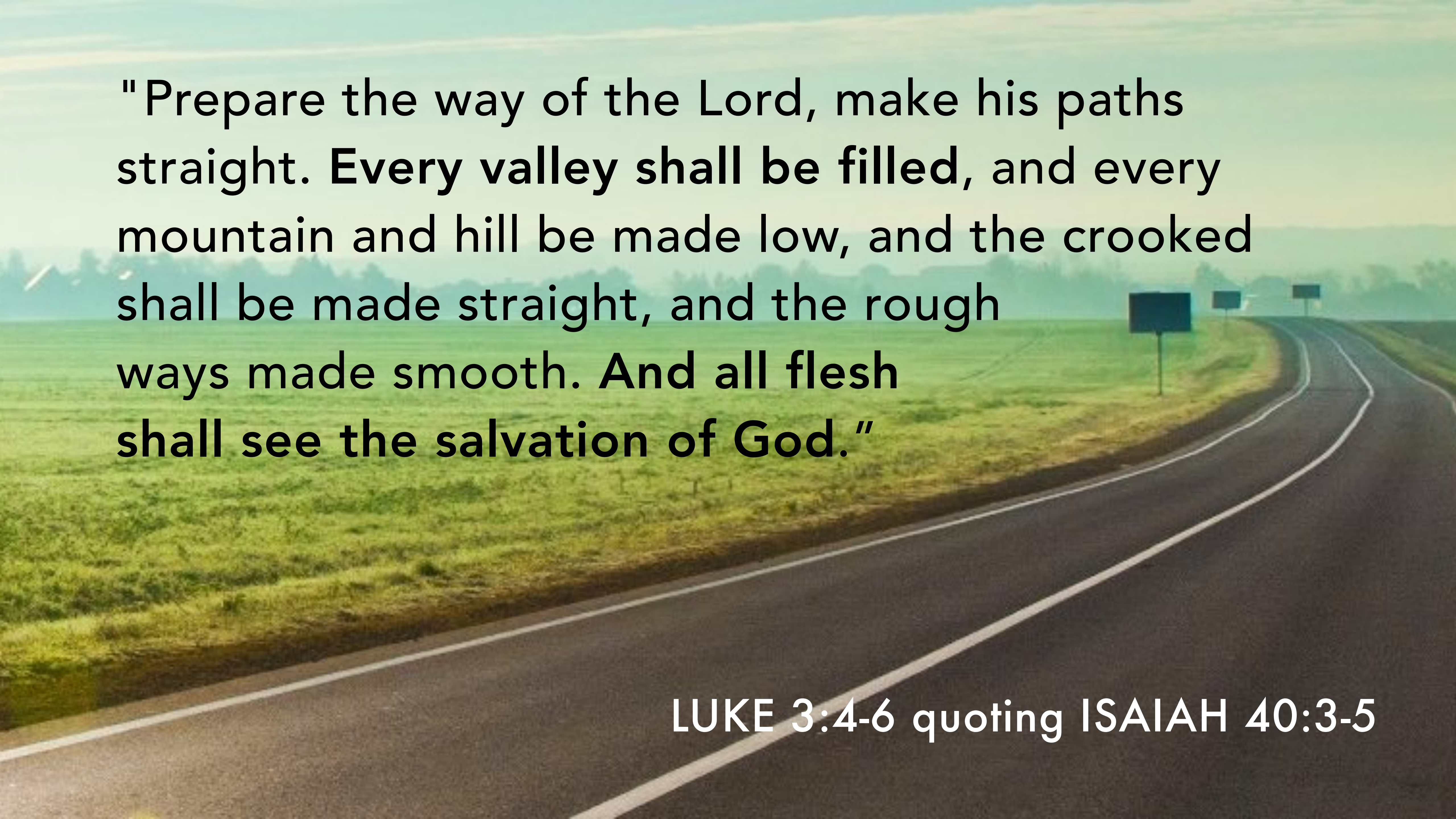
EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP

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Flatlanders Inn

**EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP,
EVERY MOUNTAIN MADE LOW.**

A scenic view of a paved road curving through a green field under a hazy sky. The road is dark asphalt with white lane markings, curving from the bottom left towards the right. The field is a vibrant green, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. In the distance, there are some dark shapes that could be trees or buildings. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and open.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

LUKE 3:4-6 quoting ISAIAH 40:3-5



EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP: SEEING DEEPLY



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Mark 10

21 Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP: SEEING DEEPLY

Gen 16:13-14

Thereafter, Hagar used another name to refer to the Lord, who had spoken to her. She said, "You are the God who sees me." She also said, "Have I truly seen the One who sees me?" 14 So that well was named Beer-lahai-roi (which means "well of the Living One who sees me")..

EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP: LISTENING INTENTLY



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Mark 10: 46-52

Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

"Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here."

So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked.

"My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"

And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you."

Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP: LISTENING INTENTLY

“The poor are always prophetic. As true prophets always point out, they reveal God’s design. That is why we should take time to listen to them. And that means staying near them, because they speak quietly and infrequently...”

Jean Vanier (in *Community & Growth*)

EVERY VALLEY LIFTED UP:

ALL PEOPLE WILL SEE GOD'S GLORY



A landscape photograph showing a green field with a path leading towards a bright light source in a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on this image.

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“to love people is to recognize their gifts and help these to unfold; it is also to accept their wounds and be patient and compassionate towards them. If we see only the gifts and beauty, then we expect too much of people; we idealize them. If we see only the wound, then we do too much for them and tend to keep them in submission.”

Jean Vanier (in *Community & Growth*)

A wide-angle photograph of a lush green field stretching to the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, dark, textured clouds, creating a dramatic and somewhat somber atmosphere. In the foreground, there are some large, flat, light-colored rocks scattered among the grass.

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Seeing Deeply

Listening Intently

All people will see God's glory