

# ***THE CALL AND MINISTRY OF A FORERUNNER – DERRICK J. SANDERSON***

## ***SESSION I: PREPARING THE WAY OF THE LORD***

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There is a reality deep within the heart of the Father in Heaven who is seated on the throne. His heart is that all might be drawn near to Him in Love and Fellowship. He is a Father who longs to be in relationship with His creation. His desire is that All might be saved(*1 Timothy 2:4*). The Father in Heaven so longed for humanity to be reconciled to Him,(*for sin separated humanity from God*)(*Romans 3:23*) that He sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to not just die for the forgiveness of sins, but also so that He(*Jesus*) would be raised up to the Right hand of the Father in Heaven, where He has become a Mediator(*1 Timothy 2:5*) and an Intercessor(*Hebrews 7:25*) for His Bride.

The Father cares so much, that He sent forth a Forerunner, *John the Baptist* to prepare the way(*people*) of Jesus. God called forth a man, to be a voice to trumpet the coming of the Promised Messiah. The Word of God, is so very clear that Jesus will come back to the Earth. In His *Second Coming*, He(*Jesus*) is coming for His Bride, pure and spotless, His most cherished possession.

It is this context of Jesus' *Second Coming*, His return, that God is/will raise up yet another Voice, to trumpet and prepare the way of the Lord. But instead of just one man, He is raising up an entire people, who will stand and declare the Return of Jesus. We will learn that the Forerunners to the Return of Jesus, will not just trumpet His return, they will be a people whom will "*Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.*"(*Malachi 4:5-6*) And will proclaim the things to come.

### **I. WHAT IS THE FORERUNNER MINISTRY?**

- A. Forerunners prepare the way of the Lord, by preparing people to prepare the nations for Jesus' return.

***3The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God...5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together (at Jesus' Second Coming)... (Isa. 40:3-5)***

1. We must understand that next to intimacy(*John 3:29*) with Jesus this is the Forerunners Primary Calling: To Prepare the way of the Lord!
- B. Forerunners are messengers who proclaim and announce ahead of time, the unprecedented activities of the Lord that are just around the corner. Forerunners ***prepare the people to respond rightly to Jesus*** by making known God's plans. Forerunners bring new understanding of/about God and Jesus in relation to the Leading up to, and processional of Jesus' Return to the Earth.
- C. Forerunners pave the way. A Forerunner is like a big bulldozer with a plow that comes to a point that is as sharp as a scalpel. They literally plow the way and create the 'Highway' for God, and the people(*Isaiah 62:10*).
1. Again we must understand that it is not through the will of the forerunner that this takes place. It is in the will of the Father, and through intimacy with Jesus that forerunners are able to truly be forerunners. (*Zechariah 4:6*)

## II. CONTEXT OF THE FORERUNNER MINISTRY

The basic understanding of what the Forerunner Ministry is that of preparing the way of the Lord. As stated in Section 1-B, The Forerunner proclaims and announces ahead of time, the unprecedented activities of the Lord. So the Biblical context of the Forerunner Ministry is like that of John the Baptist (*Jesus coming on the heels of forerunner ministry*). To prepare the way of the Lord. So there is an actual TIME context in which this Ministry will reach its fullness. And yet today we are seeing the Forerunners of the Forerunners.

We cannot escape the reality that the Holy Spirit is supernaturally beginning to trumpet this reality in the hearts of 'Young' believers. There are few in the 'older' generations in the Church, whom this bears witness with or to. Just because it does not bear witness to them, does not mean that this is not what the Spirit is doing. It simply means the Spirit has not yet revealed this to their hearts.

### ***Primary context to the Forerunner Ministry is the Second Coming or Return of Jesus:***

I pose a question to you. *Why would the Father, through Holy Spirit begin raising up forerunner ministries(ers) if Jesus wasn't coming back soon? (define soon)(80 years is but a glimpse of time)*

A. No one knows the day or hour (But we can know the season)

***"But of that day and hour(Jesus Return) no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and one will be left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known that hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:36-44)(Mark 13:32-37)***

1. Only the Father knows when Jesus will Return to the earth.
2. This passage gives a clear context in which however, what the generation/season will look like before Jesus Returns
  - a. As in the Days of Noah (*Genesis 6-9*)

(1) Noah's life and obedience in building the arc was a prophetic declaration and a warning to the people that Judgment was coming. It took roughly 90-100 years for Noah to build the arc.

(2) We must also understand that His family must have helped Him and believed him. After all, they got in the arc.

(a) It wasn't just Noah acting alone. But He was in community. His family was holy in the midst of a corrupt world! **ITS POSSIBLE!**

(3) Noah also found Grace in the eyes of the Lord (*Genesis 6:8*)

(a) We cannot excuse the reality of it was the way that Noah lived his life in the midst of a perverse generation. It was this life and character that Noah had that drew the eyes and the heart even closer to the Father.

(b) When we position ourselves in right standing with God we find Grace IN His eyes

(c) Noah's character is described in *Genesis 6:9*

(i) Moses made it a point to emphasize this point of Noah before the first documented communication of the Father in heaven releasing His heart to a human. ***"Noah walked with God."***

(a) Also important to note that Enoch was Noah's great-grandfather. ***"Enoch walked with God." Genesis 5:22,24***

(4) Just as in the Days of Noah, the flood swept away humanity with almost no warning. But Noah was the Warning.

(a) Because Noah walked with God and had an active History with the Father, the Father found Noah and had Grace on Him. It is out of the place of relationship with the Father that Noah was not swept away in the Flood.

(b) I cannot emphasize enough this reality of RELATIONSHIP! The Forerunner is one whom has first and foremost Relationship and Intimacy with the Father and His Son!

**"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." Vs42**

(5) We are commanded to Watch. If we do not stand watch we will be swept away like in the days of Noah.

(a) It is important to note that the Flood in Noah's day was a global judgment. It is but a foreshadow of the End Times. This is why Jesus points back to this example! He is trying to give us historical context and a picture of what it will be like.

***“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21:34-36)***

1. Jesus again makes it clear. The reality that if we do not Watch and Pray, that day will come on us unexpectedly. Jesus wants us to be aware of when He is coming! Remember it is about relationship and partnership! (*Revelation 22:17*)

***“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also when you see all these things know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.” (Matthew 24:32-34)(Mark 13:28-30)(Luke 21:29-32)***

1. Again, we may not know the exact day or hour. But Jesus gives a clear call and picture to the reality that those whom Watch and Pray and Understand/Know the Father and His heart, along with a Study to what is going on. We will know the season we are in!
  - a. We must be aware of the Season we are in, and give a proper prophetic interpretation and application.
  - b. The warning comes in the following passages of Matthew 24:45-51

***“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes will find so doing. Assuredly I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”***

(1) If we watch, we will know when He is coming. If we don't watch, and don't know His coming, it is pretty clear what will happen.

(2) This is why the Father is raising up Forerunners. To prepare the People first in the Church, and then outside. That a people would not be swept away into the finale judgments of God at the End of the Age!

### III. THE FATHERS HEART IN RAISING UP FORERUNNERS

I believe that the Father's heart longs to prepare the Bride for Jesus. We must understand that as a 'daughter' of the Father, He will give us away to Jesus on that Great Wedding day!

So many times we see Christ's intercession more on our behalf to the Father, holding back His wrath from striking the earth. Could it be, that it is actually the Father, holding Jesus back from coming to the Earth? It would make sense that if it is the Father's desire that ALL would be saved (*1 Timothy 2:4*), that He would allow as much time as possible to reap the greatest amount of souls. We must also recognize and understand that the Father holds back, that we might partner with Him.

***"I will declare the decree; the Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession."* (Psalm 2:7-8)**

If Jesus must ask the Father for the Nations, how much more must we ask? It is truly about partnership.

***"And the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"* (Revelation 22:17)**

Again, it is a partnership. The Spirit AND the Bride cry Come. It is a unified call.

We all know the verse John 3:16-17:

***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.***

I cannot Stress the importance of LOVE and PARTNERSHIP!

The Father so loves the world that He would give His Son that all might be saved. The Father so loves His Son that He would give Him (Jesus) a pure and spotless Bride. The Father so Loves the Son that His Bride WILL BE a Pure and Spotless Bride. The Father so loves the Bride that He would prepare her for His Son. The Father WILL NOT give Jesus a Bride who is tattered, torn, and ugly. The Father will not give the Bride to His Son, until she is prepared and ready.

**It is in Love that Father Raises up Forerunners to PREPARE the BRIDE for JESUS!**

Later we will look at the reality of being a Friend of the Bridegroom.

***"He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine (John) is fulfilled."* (John 3:29)**

***"These things I (Jesus) have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."* (John 15:11)**

#### IV. SEVEN SPHERES OF INFLUENCE

We find that in every Society there are what many label the “7 Spheres of Influence”. These seven spheres categorize if you will, a complete society into seven sub categories. We are going to take a quick look at these 7 spheres. In a couple weeks we will cross reference these 7 spheres in relation to the 7 spheres that God’s judgments at the End of the Age will shake.

A. These are the ‘Seven’ Spheres of Influence:

1. Home
2. Church
3. Government/Politics
4. Buisness/Economy/Science/Technology
5. Education
6. Media
7. Arts/Entertainment/Sports

B. God has called each and every person into one of these ‘seven’ spheres of influence. We have a Primary Influence in which God has called us into. Along with our Primary sphere of Influence, we have Second, Third, and sometimes a Forth minor(*each is significant, but minor in relation to what is primary. Minor simply implying its place in order, not significance*) spheres of influence.

C. This area of Influence is our ‘mission field’. This is where We have been called to ‘go’.

D. Though we have been called we must respond as Isaiah did.

*“Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I, Send me.’” (Isaiah 6:8)*

E. Jesus also commissioned us to Go in the great commission(*Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15-18*)

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you...Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:21-22)*

F. *Not* every person is called to the **Church**. In fact, *not* every person is even called to the **prayer room**. Every person however is called to the place of prayer, which is on our knees.

G. No matter what Sphere God has placed us, we must remember our Highest Priority and calling is Prayer!

H. We as believers are called to be ‘Forerunners’ in the sphere we have been placed. In Essence preparing the people and sphere for the Return of Jesus.

## V. THE FORERUNNER TO THE FIRST COMING OF JESUS CHRIST: JOHN THE BAPTIST

Through out the rest of this class we will continually cross-reference and look back to this particular man, John the Baptist. We will draw many principles and practicals from the life of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was the 'Forerunner' to the First Coming of Jesus. We know that John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus because of Luke 1:17.

*"17He(John) will also go before Him(Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elijah...to make ready a people prepared for the Lord...For you(John) will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways" (Luke 1:17,76)*

### *GOSPEL OF LUKE: John the Baptist's calling and birth*

All four gospels speak of John the Baptist. But only Luke speaks of the birth and calling of John the Baptist. This is where we will begin our journey into the life of a 'forerunner' named John the Baptist.

Again, I cannot stress that importance of keeping on the forefront of our minds and hearts, *everything* the Father does, is for the sole purpose and motivated out of Love.

*"6And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.7But they had no children...8So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his division, 9according to the custom of the priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. 10And the whole multitude of the people was praying outside at the hour of incense.11Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense." (Luke 1:6-11)*

- A. It is not mere coincidence that the birthing to the prophetic voice came in the context of praying. Zacharias was in the Temple, burning incense to the Lord as the people prayed.
  - a. The prophetic voice clearly is birthed in the place of worship and prayer.
  - b. It is amazing that at this moment in history, the lot fell to Zacharias
- B. We must also understand that this was not the first time Zacharias had burned and offered prayer and worship at the alter of incense to the Lord. He had a lifestyle of prayer and worship.

*"13The angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard, and your wife will bear you a son, and you will call his name John...15For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb.16And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God.17He will also go before Him(Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:13-17)*

- A. Gabriel declares that Zacharias' prayer has been heard. This is in clear relation to the History of prayer that Zacharias has.
- There are no references that Zacharias was praying in this moment for a son.
  - The Prophetic Promise of a Messenger/Forerunner came through the contending in the place of prayer. (We must first contend in the place of prayer)

- B. A Closer look at Gabriel's prophecy to Zacharias regarding John

***"He will be great in the sight of the Lord..." (Luke 1:15a)***

- John's greatness will not be in the eyes of Man as we will see a little later, but rather is great in the eyes of the Lord
  - Jesus refers to this in Matthew 11:11  
***"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist..."***

***"and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink..." (Luke 1:15b)***

- John was called into the Holy Consecration of a Nazarite. (*Numbers 6*)
  - We will take a look at Numbers 6 a little later

***"He will also go before Him(Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient of the wisdom of the just to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1:17)***

- Gabriel prophecies that John will be a partial fulfillment of the very last prophetic word given in the Old Testament.  
***"5Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 6And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse." (Malachi 4:5-6)***
  - It is important to note that there is a 400 year silence in the prophetic. From the time of Malachi 4 to John the Baptist, it was complete silence. No Prophetic voice cried out.
- Again we see the key in this verse is "***he will also go before Him***". John the Baptist went before Jesus.  
***"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers." Vs6***

(1) The spirit of Elijah, will cause a ministry to go forth to draw together the generations.



(2) In context to this the Enemy has systematically caused the hearts of fathers to be turned away from the children. And causing a greater divide! We need a great turning of the hearts!

(a) Abortion, Sex Trafficking, Pornography, Molestation, Incest, emotional abuse, divorce(fatherless homes), alcoholism...to name a few

In this next section of scripture we will see the context to the birthing of the Forerunner and the Messiah.

**“Now after those days, his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months...Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the House of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!”...the angel said to her, “behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom there will be no end.”...36”Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this now the sixth month of her who was called barren”...then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.”...Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.” (Luke 1:24-40)**

- A. The angel Gabriel shows up again! There are only 4 places in Scripture where it directly names the angel Gabriel. We find that he is mentioned twice in one chapter!
  - 1. Gabriel also shows up in the book of Daniel. (8:18,9:21) Both times in Daniel it is in relation to prophecies about the End Times.
    - a. Important to note that Gabriel in the Old Testament showed up in regards to End Times, and also in the context of the Forerunner ministry. Which is a two fold ministry. First coming of Jesus, and the Return of Jesus(the end times)
- B. John the Baptist and Jesus were cousins.
  - 1. We see out of the House of Aaron(Luke 1:5), rises up the forerunner, John the Baptist
    - a. Aaron was the Great High Priest Established by God through Moses
  - 2. Jesus is raised up out of the House of David(Luke 1:27)
- C. Here we see a dynamic connection. House of Aaron being symbolic of Prayer and Priestly Ministry, and the House of David being symbolic of Worship and Government.
  - 1. These two realities were cultivated in the womb at the same time!
- D. Elizabeth was pregnant with John 6 months before Mary was pregnant with Jesus.

1. John the Baptist, the Forerunner ministry was birthed just before the Messiah!
2. Jesus the Messiah came on the Heals of the Forerunner Ministry!
3. **We Cannot Neglect this Reality!**

The Forerunner's message always comes just ahead of the Messiah! The Forerunner operates in the prophetic spirit to tell of what is right around the corner. The Forerunner is a half a step ahead of Jesus.

***“And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit...Now Elizabeth's full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. When her neighbors and relatives heard now the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her. So it was on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.” But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.” (Luke 1:41,57-66)***

- A. The prophecy given by Gabriel was that the child would be filled with the spirit from the womb. Here we actually see an account where John was manifesting in the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb! It is very interesting that at this time Luke makes it a point to mention that AND Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- B. Yet another testimony that the prophecy Gabriel was dead on, Elizabeth gave birth to a son!
- C. Verse 58 I believe is a key verse
  1. Elizabeth's neighbors and family heard what had happened and rejoiced.
    - a. Though they probably did not understand they were rejoicing in the Birth of the Forerunner.
    - b. The general consensus was that the Lord had done something, so they rejoiced!
- D. Tradition states that if a son was born, the name of the father would be given to the son. But in this moment, Elizabeth and Zacharias broke the social, cultural, and traditional norms and named their son John, according to the will of the Father.
  1. So taken back when Elizabeth responded they actually went to Zacharias
- E. When Zacharias spoke they all marveled! Earlier in Luke 1 we see that Zacharias was made mute due to his unbelief! The people had known that he had an encounter...
  1. Zacharias didn't speak for more than 9 months!

- a. Imagine his prayer life!? He couldn't talk to anyone...he was forced to talk to the Lord
2. So when Zacharias spoke after 9 months, it was like yet another tip off that something was going on
- F. The people responded with a question in their hearts, "*What kind of child will this be?*"  
-you can bet they kept an eye on this one to see what was/would happen!

***"Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied saying, "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people. And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began. That we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hated us, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which He swore to our father Abraham: to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins. Through the tender Mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel."* (Luke 1:67-80)**

- A. In vs 68-75 Zacharias prophecies about the Messiah.
- B. Verses 76-79 are direct prophecies to/for/about John the Bapits.

***"You will be called a prophet of the Highest."***

1. Ordained by God to be a mouth piece to the people  
***"You will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways"***

1. The only way to prepare "His" ways is first to go before His face.
  - a. This speaks not of just encounter like in Moses' day but rather an ongoing experiential relationship.
  - b. Also it is a foreshadow similar to the Tabernacle of David where they would sit before the Visible, Tangible, Presence of God.

A forerunner cannot prepare the way for Jesus until they first spend time with Him. This reality cannot be skipped or excused. You cannot truly be a forerunner without first going before His Face.

***"To give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins...To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."***

1. Here we see an idea of what the outward manifestation of John's ministry will be. We can take this and also apply it to the foundational message of a Forerunner.

- (1) Only through Jesus is the remission/forgiveness of sins.

- (a) To give light to those in Darkness

- (b) To guide feet into the way of peace

***“So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.”***

1. We see three realities in this passage

- a. John the Baptist Grew

- (1) Growth is a natural progression. So in the natural it must be in the spirit. We must grow

- b. Became strong in spirit

- (1) To become strong means to be strengthened

- (2) In spirit: refers to literally Holy Spirit

- (a) John became strong in/with the Holy Spirit.

- (b) It was an active process. He became well acquainted with Holy Spirit.

- c. Was in the deserts

- (1) an uncultivated region fit for pasturage

- (2) lonely regions

- (3) John was literally in the place known as Loneliness and Death.

- (a) It was in this place that John found Joy and His Life

- (b) It is in this context that he became strong in spirit, he was in a place where this could be his only dependence.

- (i) Another picture is when Jesus was 'drove' into the wilderness by the spirit after his baptism. (*Mark 1:12*)

It is in the place of deserts, in the place of wilderness that is the truest/best stage to become strong in spirit. We cannot separate the reality of the wilderness in context to the preparation of a forerunner.

It was in the wilderness that John the Baptist was prepared, it was 40 days in the wilderness that Jesus came forth empowered by the Holy Spirit. (*Luke 4:14*) Even King David had a season of Wilderness where he hid in a cave!

A forerunner must learn to embrace the wilderness and find utter dependence on Holy Spirit. It is in this place that the preparations are made for ministry. As a Forerunner, you will be ill prepared and possibly never released into your full call unless you take the steps necessary for preparation.