

Journey Church Hawaii  
Series: Preparing for 2024  
“The River Has Moved”  
Luke 4:16-21  
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- I. Habit 2: “Start with the End in Mind” [Proverbs 29:18 niv]
  - A. A Personal Mission Statement
    1. “Who am I” (**I am valuable**) and “Why am I Here?” (**I have a righteous purpose**)  
[Gen 1:26-28; 2 Cor 5:17; Ro 8:14-17; Eph 2:10]
    2. A starting point [Mark 12:28-31]
    3. A practical online tool <https://msb.franklincovey.com/missions/>
  - B. Roles and Goals
    1. Child of God [Phil 3:10-11]
    2. The People God has given me to love [Mark 10:45; Eph 5:21,25-29]
    3. Profession [Colossians 3:23]
  - C. A Method of Evaluation as We Prepare for 2024
    1. Preserve: “What am I doing Well?”
    2. Improve/Remove: “What can I do better?” What do I need to stop doing?”
    3. Achieve: “What’s Missing? What can I begin to do?”
  - D. “I Surrender All” [Revelation 4:9-11]
    1. IN HEAVEN, total surrender is one of victory and joy (and we are perfect) [Phil 4:1; Rev 4:4]
    2. ON EARTH, total surrender is a daily call to deny myself (flesh), pick up my cross (identity and calling), and follow Jesus [Luke 9:23] in a world where “stuff happens” [John 16:33] and I wrestle with my flesh over a lifetime [Gal 5:17]
    3. The key to “I Surrender All” is a decision to Believe that God is Good [Psalm 34:8] and Walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit [Galatians 5:16]
- II. The Choluteca Bridge, Honduras  
<https://medium.com/road-less-ventured/why-an-honduran-bridge-is-a-perfect-metaphor-for-disruption-2a2d7c910535>

III. 2024: "The River Has Moved"

A. A Daily Decision to Believe that "God is Good" [Psalm 34:8]

1. Jesus Christ is Good News: Immanuel, God is With Us! [Luke 2:10-11; Matt 1:23]
2. God is Forever Committed to Doing Us Good [Jeremiah 32:40]
3. The Message of Jesus Christ is Good News [Luke 4:16-21]

B. Now is the Time of God's Favor [Luke 4:16-21]

1. Good News to the (Spiritually) Poor [4:18]

"Blessed are those who are poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven"  
[Matt 5:3]

2. Heal the Brokenhearted [4:18]

"A bruised reed (my heart) He will not break, and a smoldering wick (my hope)  
He will not snuff out" [Matt 12:20]

3. Proclaim liberty (freedom) to the captives [4:18]

"no longer slaves of fear – a fear of being forever punished"  
[Ro 8:14; 1 John 4:18]

4. Recovery of sight to the blind [4:18]

5. "For God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whoever believe in Him shall not (spiritually) die but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn it, but to SAVE IT! [John 3:16-17]

6. Set at liberty (freedom) those who are oppressed

"Nothing is Impossible with God" [Luke 1:37]

7. To Proclaim the Acceptable Year of the Lord Now is the Time of God's Favor [4:19-21]

"The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking (following rules) but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" experiencing and enjoying a personal relationship with Jesus Christ [Romans 14:17; 2 Cor 5:21-6:2]