

Big Choices

Lent Historically

- 3rd-4th centuries
- a time of instructing people for baptism
- a time to call back those estranged from the faith
- a time to deepen one's walk with Jesus

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Preparation is Biblical

- God & the Hebrew people
 - numerous ways
- John the Baptist's entire ministry
- Jesus' testing in the wilderness
- Jesus spending 3 years with the disciples
- Jesus' teaching after the Resurrection
- The Apostles waiting for the Holy Spirit
- Saul – who became Paul

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Love is God's river, flowing on into the future, across the border into the country where there is no pride, no jostling for position, no contention among God's people. We are invited to step into that river here and now, and let it take us where it's going.

- NT Wright

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Kingdom Language:

- ...that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God...
 - Acts 26:18
- ...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
 - Ephesians 5:8
- But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 - 1 Peter 2:9