

SOMETHING NEW

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God wants to do a new thing in you and through you this year...do you see it?

Isaiah 43:19-20 (NLT) – **“For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed.”**

- *New* – far surpassing anything God has already done—it doesn’t mean easy, timely or that it won’t cost you...but it’s new.
- He wants to bring rivers into dry places—bring refreshing.
- God is moving and sometimes we don’t see it.

What do you want God to do **IN** you this year?

What do you want God to do **THROUGH** you this year?

- How do you want God to use you?
- Sometimes He has to do something **IN** you before moving **THROUGH** you.
- Sometimes He moves through us despite what is going on in us—we don’t have to be perfect before we can be used.

HOW DO WE EMBRACE THE WAY GOD WANTS TO MOVE?

Let Go of the Past

- Sometimes the past we need to let go of is bad and sometimes it is good.
- Living in the past is one of the ways the enemy robs us.
- How much time do we waste meditating on past bad situations, “what ifs”, etc.?
- Dwelling in the past keeps you from living in today and tomorrow.
- Sometimes it’s the good things we need to let go of.
- Quit living in “the good ‘ole days” because God wants to do a new thing and you have to make space for it or you’ll miss it.
- Israelites were called to set up monuments to remember what God had done—remembering a past thing.
- That says there was an end to the **WAY** God moved and they were only to visit there, not live there.
- He is still moving, but He changes the way He moves.
- Be careful not to put God in a category and predict what and how He will move.
- Isaiah 43:15-18 (NLT) – **“I am the Lord your Holy One, Israel’s Creator and King. I am the Lord who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path**

through the sea. I called forth the mighty army of Egypt with all its chariots and horses. I drew them beneath the waves, and they drowned, their lives snuffed out like a smoldering candlewick. But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I am going to do.”

Pray and Listen

- Don't believe the lie that God doesn't speak or that you can't hear Him.
- Audible
- Bible
- Prophetic words
- Discernment
- Hear/See a word, phrase or picture internally
- Dreams
- Visions
- Physical objects

Live in Expectancy and Faith

- Expectancy vs. Expectation
- Believe that He hears and will act.
- When He speaks, receive it, discern timing and risk it.
- When there's a delay, you keep walking, keep holding on and believe.

Surround Yourself with a Healthy Support System

- We are shaped by the company we keep—they largely determine who we become.
- Beware of people that have a negative effect on you.
- Get in community with people that have been where you want to go.
- A rough past can necessitate we surround ourselves with great people.
- **“Plenty of people come out of a bad situation and live a healthy, productive life. Be one of them.”** –Chip Ingram, *Good to Great in God's Eyes*”
- Be around people who believe in you, who speak the truth in love, who stretch you, who challenge you and will pray with you to see fulfillment.
- You can't be in community if you don't make the effort and sacrifice.
- You won't be a part of healthy community if you always make withdrawals rather than deposits.

PRAY – What do you need to do to see God move in you or through you?