

“A NEW THING”

Isaiah 43:18-19 - Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.



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As we shut the door on 2015 and all that happened or did not happen, and open a new door in 2016 with endless possibilities and limitless opportunities, let us remind ourselves that if we expect something new in our life, we've got to do something new in order to achieve a different outcome. Otherwise, you're operating in the spirit of insanity! Hey, I'm just sayin'.

The text is telling us to forget the former things. What are the former things in your life? The way you use to live your life? The things you use to say? The places you use to go? The things you use to do? And the people you use to hang with? I'm reminded of an old cliché which says, "Association brings about assimilation." So if you truly want to succeed in life and live a purposeful and intentional life, you've got to distance yourselves from people who are not going anywhere and who are not pushing and encouraging you to go somewhere. Then surround yourself with successful people, like-minded people, people who are smarter than you are and who are living their lives on purpose and intentionally with passion so that you can see exactly what that looks like!

The text also warns; do not dwell on the past. What's in your past? Losing your job? Going through foreclosure? A car repossession? Losing a loved one? A failed marriage? An unplanned pregnancy? Negative medical diagnosis? Having people in your life that walked away just at the time you needed them the most? Or could it be the way you use to worship the Lord? The way you trusted the Lord? Or the way you use to pray to the Lord?

Where's the excitement? Where's the passion? Where's your zeal? Aren't you tired of coming to church the same old way and leaving exactly the same way you came? Aren't you tired of your prayers going unanswered? Have you lost the joy of your salvation? Are you tired of going through life merely existing and not really living simply because you have no purpose for your life? Are you aimlessly wandering through life with no goals and no expected end in view? Guess what? God wants to do a new thing in your life! He has a plan and a purpose for your life! He thinks good thoughts towards you – thoughts of peace and not of evil! He wants you to live a good life and be in good health as your soul prospers. He came that you might have life and have it more abundantly!

If you're ready for a new thing, a new mind, a new heart and a new purpose, let God have total reign and control over every area of your life! He is the only one who is able to take the old and change it into the new. He is the only one who is able to take your disappointments and turn them into your dreams. He is the only one who is able to take your failures and turn them into your fortune. He is the only one who is able to take your trash and turn it into your treasure. He is the only one who is able to take your gloom and turn it into gladness, take your mourning and turn it into joy, and take your garment of heaviness and turn it into a garment of praise.

I decree and declare that everything you lost or did not receive in 2015 will come to you pressed down, shaken together and running over in the year 2016. Won't you trust Him today? Let God transform your life from the inside out! Don't worry about your past. Reach toward your future and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus! Let 2016 be your best year yet. Get in position to be blessed and receive all that God has for you. Let Him do a new thing and watch it spring forth!

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