

Preparing For The New

Isaiah 43:18-19, MSG

“Forget about what’s happened; don’t keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it?”

The word new speaks of something that we haven’t seen or experienced before.

The word new speaks of something recently created or presented to us.

The word new speaks of an upgrade from a previous possession or situation.

God wants us to prepare our hearts for the new things He desires to do this year.

I.

Preparing for the new requires us to forget about the old.

Forgetting the old means to stop rehearsing everything that has gone wrong in the past.

Forgetting the old speaks of our efforts to quit allowing our past to dictate our future.

Forgetting the old requires us to quit allowing people to label us because of our history.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB) says, “When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!”

II.

Preparing for the new requires us to be alert to the things of God.

To be alert means to expect that God is going to do great things in your life this year.

Psalm 62:5 (AMP) says, “My soul, wait only upon God and silently submit to Him; for my hope and expectation are from Him.”

To be alert means to constantly be on the lookout for God’s promises.

To be alert means to be ready to respond when God says move.

III.

Preparing for the new requires us to open our eyes to the vision God has given us.

Our vision is simply our desires being played like a movie in our imagination.

Our vision is what we could be, and do, if we took the restraints off God, and ourselves.

God wants to do a new thing in our lives this year. Do you see it?

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