God Wants to Do A New Thing In Your Life

Isaiah 43: 18-19

- 18 "Forget the former things;
- do not dwell on the past.
- O 19 See, I am doing a new thing!
- Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
- I am making a way in the wilderness
- and streams in the wasteland.

Change Your Focus

- Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past
- You cannot depend upon past victories to sustain you through the present or the future

Previous Victories of the Israelites

- Leaving Egypt
- Conquering the Land of Canaan
- Fighting off prospective conquerors
- Survived a split in their country

You cannot allow your Past Failures to possess you

- Do not dwell on the past
- Romans 3:23- "All Sin and fall short of the Glory of God"
- We are never going to make all the right decisions
- We can never please everyone

Failures of the children of Israel

- God gave them the Temple they gave him idol worship
- God gave them the truth they lived and proclaimed a lie
- God gave them His commands they lived like they were suggestions
- God gave them wealth they used it to abuse the poor
- God gave them himself they gave him nothing except rejection

Isaiah 55:7

- Tet the wicked forsake their ways
- and the unrighteous their thoughts.
- Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
- and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

You Cannot Live on Yesterday's Faith

Psalms 85: 6-8

6 Will you not revive us again,

that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your unfailing love, Lord,

and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what God the Lord says;

he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—

but let them not turn to folly

Get specific with your focus

- Discover what God wants for you
- When He opens the door, walk through it and trust Him in His timing
- The children of Israel had a choice

You HAVE to see yourself as God sees you

- Romans 8:1-2
- Life Through the Spirit
 - f 8 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2
 - because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you ${}_{f a J}$
 - free from the law
- of sin and death.

Colossians 1:21-22

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your mindsbecause of [a] your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—

You have to see possibilities as God sees them

- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18
- 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate[a] the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Commit yourself to God's plan

- Psalms 95:7-8
 - for he is our God
 - and we are the people of his pasture,
 - the flock under his care.
 - Today, if only you would hear his voice,
 - 8 "Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,[a]
 - as you did that day at Massah[b] in the wilderness,