

Behold I Am Doing A New Thing

Oasis: A Self-Guided Prayer

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Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:18-19

Life is in constant motion. We are constantly moving, doing, acting, reacting. Amidst this motion there is also change. Change can be good, bad, uncomfortable and sometimes frightening. However, if there was never change, we would never have seasons, never see the fall of the first snow, or hear the rumble of a brewing thunderstorm. If there was never change we would never grow physically but remain infants dependent on others. If there was never change our perspectives would be hardened and our vision would become dim, for it is with growth and change that we are reshaped and readjusted with a clearer vision.

It is in change that we grow the most and sometimes in the most painful of changes. When life becomes different than it has always been we are forced to adapt. Sometimes we are faced with circumstances that force us to behave, see and hear differently. We are challenged to step out of what we have known thus far into something that is unseen, something that is the *not yet*. And it is, in the *not yet* that faith is born. It is in the moments of wonder and bewilderment, perhaps confusion or unclarity that we step forward in a season of change with faith as our anchor and faith as our guide. And it is with the assurance that God is doing a *new thing* in us that we can step forward with confidence.

It is also in this *new thing* that we will take root for a season and begin to thrive. As it is with plants that are being transferred from one pot to another, they cannot grow and thrive if left in the same pot. Eventually the plant will stop growing or the roots will become too many and the health of the plant will suffer. As it is with us. Sometimes when change happens we are given a chance to re-root in new soil. It might take some time to gain some traction and depth, but in our new soil we will thrive more than we ever could have imagined in the old soil.

God loves us too much to leave us as we are. The Spirit is active and alive in each of us, dividing bone and marrow, getting to the depths of our being, wooing us to change and to be transformed.

How is God doing a new thing in you?

Is there change happening around you that is uncomfortable or worrisome? Give those to God now.

In order for a plant to grow from a seed, the seed must die. Sometimes in our own lives in order for us to grow a part of us must die.

Open your heart, mind, and soul to the Lord. What is He communicating to you?

Where are you changing and where are you staying the same?

Where are you afraid of change and where do you need more faith to move forward?

May God bless you and protect you in this season of your life. May He give you a clear vision of the new thing He is doing in you. May God protect in you the new growth that He has planted. Be courageous, beloved, and step out in faith.

As you leave today please take a cup with a pothos leaf in it along with a mini pot. As you keep this leaf in the water you will notice it will begin to sprout roots. As you observe your plant growing throughout the weeks to come be reminded of the growth that God is doing in you, the new thing that He has begun to work in you. When your plant has roots that are about 1 inch long, transfer it into your mini pot with soil, (or another pot of your choosing) and think about the change of environment. This plant will not thrive in water alone, but once it is transferred into soil it will begin to take hold of the soil with its roots and thrive. As you make this transfer ask God to show you where He is sending you. What changes are occurring in your life that you are resisting? Ask Him to give you the courage and faith to continue to move forward with Him so that you can take root in different soil that will help you thrive.