

It's Gonna Get Better

Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV) - ¹⁸Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, 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.

Giving Honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To the men, women, and children of God. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow. Let's turn to the book of Isaiah 43:18-19 (KJV) as we lift up the Lord Our God. Our didactic sermon topic is "It's Gonna Get Better."

I woke up this morning with a new shout. I woke up this morning feeling good. I woke up with the word of the Lord on my heart. I woke up thinking about God's ability to do a new thing. You see, God is a creator. He has the ability to do a new thing in your life and make a way out of no way.

As we share in this message, I'd like to start with some interrogatives... Have you ever felt like you were in the day-to-day race of life? And the struggle was that it seemed like things were bad, rough, tough, tattered, and you were just hoping that somehow, someday, things would just get better. Have you ever been there?

Have you ever felt plagued by your past and who you used to be? Have you ever had someone remind you of past mistakes and old ways, or what many may call growing edges? At times does it seem like you are stuck in life, stuck on the job, stuck in your relationships, or stuck in your walk with God?

I came to remind you that you can turn it over to the Lord and it will get better. All you need is a new start. All you need is a mind transplant. In Romans 12:1-2 the word says "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." My brothers and sisters when we are called to commit to the Lord

with our body, to live holy, and to transform by renewing our mind in Christ. The renewing is a continuous process. (You can't renew a book at the library, until you first check it out. Make sense? So, the renewing of our mind is a continuous process).

This is why it is so important to be in service to hear the word and build our faith. It is so important to be in bible study to hear and share the word to apply it to our lives. It is so important to fellowship with like believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have the ability to sharpen each other in the word of God by simply reminding one another what the word of God says to us, and the promises of God. I want to remind you that Isaiah 43:18-19, which is our key text, tells us to remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old. That's the past. That's the old sin. That's the old nature. That's who you used to be. That's how you used to act. That's the shortcomings you used to have. That's the struggles you used to be entangled with. That's the old you. Verse 19 says "Behold, (Watch This) 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.

Good God Almighty. Watch this!!! The Lord is doing a new thing in your life. He's been working on you. He's been working it out for your good. (Stop looking back and start looking forward, so you can grow in your present.) He will even make a way in your wilderness. Your wilderness may be that situation on the job. Your wilderness may be your relationships. Your wilderness may be your health condition. Your wilderness may be your financial situation. I came to let you know today that whatever your wilderness is... Help me, Lord. OUR GOD will make a way in your wilderness and rivers in the desert. Phil.4:9 says that "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." This means that God will open up opportunities where you didn't see opportunities before. (When's the last time you saw a river in the desert... This speaks to God's ability to work miracles in your life. Won't He do it?)

I know that we all face trials. In Isaiah 43, especially the first three verses, we learn that God's people will face trials, but we have the promises of God's presence and salvation. I just want you to just let these words fall on your heart, to hear God saying to you, don't be afraid – I'm right here with you. I have made a way, I'm right there with you and I have redeemed you. I have

saved you from your sin and I have made you my son or daughter. It's Better. I'm in Control. We must understand that Christ himself is the Creator who made everything in heaven and earth, the things we can see, and the things we can't; the spirit world with its kings and kingdoms, its rulers and authorities; all were made by Christ for his own use and glory. (Colossians 1:16)

In closing, the songwriter said "People come, people go. Your life has been out of control. You're confused. Don't worry your soul. It will get better. Better. It will get better. Better. God is in control. Whatever state I find myself in, I've learned how to be secure. Knowing that God will supply all my needs and He'll work things out for my good. It will get better. Better. 'Cause God is in control.' (I feel my help comin' on...) When I think about the Goodness of Jesus and all that He'd done for me. (Can I get a witness?) My soul shouts out Hallelujah. Better. It's Getting Better. BETTER. BETTER. BETTER. In the name of Jesus, I declare it's getting better. Think about this message for a moment. Turn your life, pains, joys, and all of your heart over to the Lord Jesus Christ today. Romans 10:9-11 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. Amen.