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CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT

***“Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old.
BEHOLD I DO A NEW THING; NOW it shall spring forth;
shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)***

It seems that everywhere I look and everything I read has this scripture in it the last few weeks. Even yesterday, I got a commercial piece of mail and this scripture was in the letter!!! I think God is trying to communicate something to me—and it's good!!!

I know many people, and you may be one of them, who have gone through a rough season. When I say season, I mean decade. In the last decade (since 1999) – my father died, my grandfather died, an uncle (my age) died, my marriage ended, our church was closed and the property sold, I added another career, and my oldest daughter went off to school. Sure, some good things happened – the sun came up (just kidding, more good things have happened than just that!) I have talked with some who have lost jobs, are on the verge of losing or have lost their homes, churches closing, ministries changing, etc. etc. etc. These are hard at face value, but even harder when you believe for different results.

Having said that, we are in a new season. All the prophetic articles I read are saying one common theme – RESTORATION!!!! Do you feel that “whew” moment? Restoration is better than the original! I see old cars going down the highway that have been restored. They have beautiful, bright color, high gloss paint and are very eye catching – especially since I know that the original car was only available in black! Restoration is usually more costly than the original because today's price is almost always more expensive than the original price or sum total of its parts.

No matter how long our last season was – or what happened, we must now look ahead. We cannot let the past taint our future! The past can and will taint our future unless we **purposefully** turn our gaze from it. The past can become nostalgic when we're not happy with the present. (You know, we've all talked about the “good old days”.) A bad past can ruin our future as it can cause us to be bitter and walled and keep us from embracing the new. We can be so intent on not repeating the past that we're so caught up in “not doing” the bad that we then don't “do” the good.

The Apostle Paul said ***“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND, and REACHING***

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FORTH UNTO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEFORE, I PRESS TOWARD the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:13-14)

God says He’s doing a NEW thing – even to the point of making roads in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. God is all about doing things that have never been done. Remember the sun standing still and the sun going backwards? Remember the story of the axehead floating? Remember the angel of the Lord killing 185,000 of Sennacherib’s army? What about Naaman dipping in the Jordan River and being cleansed of leprosy? Jesus turned water into wine.

I just can’t get away from this word. God wants to jerk me out of my past and thrust me into a bright future. Have I read the newspaper (does anyone)? Have I listened to the news? The economy? The housing market (I’m a realtor!)? The job market? No matter the past. No matter the present. No matter the predicted prognosticated future. We are connected to a higher kingdom – which He wants to display here on earth (remember Jesus’ prayer – on earth as it is in heaven?)

This is what God is trying to grab hold of in my consciousness and speak deep into my heart and say, “Do NOT remember the former things. Do not consider the past. BEHOLD (look, see, discern) I do a NEW thing. NOW it shall spring forth. You’re going to know it. I’ll make a road for you to come out of your wilderness and I’ll give you living water for the desert you’ve been lost in.” (Rev Deb translation!)

I can’t and don’t want to get away from this!!!

Rev Deb