



CELEBRATE SERIES

Part Four: "Celebrate New Things"

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will 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 (NKJV)

In 2018, Jesus is calling us to _____ and _____ of His will.

A NEW THING FOR PETER AND ANDREW

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' They immediately left their nets and followed Him."
Matthew 4:18- 20 (NKJV)

- **Some things God does are** _____
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Following Jesus is about flourishing in the midst of both _____ things and _____ things.

THREE KEYS TO CELEBRATING NEW THINGS

1. Let _____ of your _____

"...One thing I do: FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 (ESV)

"Let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts."
Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

Give your past to God..._____.

NEW THINGS (Cont'd)

2. Be _____ in your _____

"God deals out joy in the present, the now." Ecclesiastes 5:20 (MSG)

"You will show me THE PATH OF LIFE; In Your presence is fullness of joy..."
Psalm 16:11 (NKJV)

When we are living in joy, we are _____.

3. Be _____ for your _____

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace BECAUSE YOU TRUST IN HIM. Then you will OVERFLOW WITH CONFIDENT HOPE through the power of the Holy Spirit." Rom. 15:13 (NLT)

With every ending there is hope for a _____.

FATHER GOD, Thank you that we can give you our past hurts, regrets and disappointments. We know that today you are giving us your peace. Lord Jesus, we want to answer your call. We invite you into our lives and into the New Year, and we praise you for being our hope. In Christ's name, AMEN.

GATHER, GROW AND GO WITH US IN GROW GROUPS

Open Up: Describe a "new thing" God is doing in you today.

Share Scriptures: Let different members share a verse or idea from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

Talk It Over: Why do we love the predictable? How can we change that?

Pray Together: Pray for each other to experience "new things" in 2018.



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