



**Let's Do
Something...
NEW!**



Isaiah 43:16-21
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Text: Isaiah 43:16-21

Sermon in a Sentence:

God wants to do something new in our lives, and it is time we get on board with it.

Question:

What do we need to do to experience a new work of God in our lives?

I. It begins with a God big enough to make it happen. (vss. 16-17)

- A. The LORD reminded Israel that He is the God who made a way through the Red Sea and crushed the army of Egypt.
- B. God that is big enough to do a new work in our lives that is greater than anything we could imagine.
- C. There are those in the kingdom of God who understand this principle.
 - 1. **“Expect big things from God, attempt great things for God.” –William Carey**
 - 2. **“Lord, let me make a difference for You that is utterly disproportionate to who I am.” –John Piper, inspired by missionary David Brainerd**
 - 3. **With a God as great as the one we have, what are we expecting, what are we attempting, what difference are we seeking to make that is disproportionate to who we are?**
- D. We have a God who can do anything; He just wants us to do something.

II. We have to let go of the past. (vs. 18)

- A. God told Israel to “Remember not the former things nor consider the things of old.”
- B. One of the things that holds us back from doing something new is the past.
 - 1. It could be that we are afraid of failure.
 - 2. It could be that we are comfortable with past success.
 - 3. Either of which will rob us of future accomplishment for the Lord.
- C. Philippians 3:13-14— **Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But 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.**

III. We have to see where God is at work. (vs. 19)

- A. God declared that He was doing something new, but questioned Israel’s ability to see it.
- B. If we are going to see God do something new or do something new through God’s power, we need to begin by noticing where He is at work now or trying to lead us to work.

- C. What are we missing out on simply because we are distracted by the world and do not perceive where God is at work?

IV. **We need to praise God for making it happen.** (vss. 20-21)

- A. God pointed out that even the animals of the desert would honor him and so would His chosen people for the thing He was about to do.
- B. God invites us to be a part of the new thing He is doing, not so that we will be praised but so that He will.
- C. The work isn't finished until we have praised the LORD for making it happen.

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