



Destiny Center
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THE NEW Series 1

Isaiah 43:19 NLT – *"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland."*

"A New Beginning"

We LOVE new things...can I get an AMEN from the women? New shoes, new purse, new outfit, new...NOT old, or used, or borrowed. Nothing is like or smells like or feels like NEW.

Woman at the well...**John 4:4-30 (vv. 4-7, 10, 13-14) NIV** – *"⁴Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"... ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."... ¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

Jesus is offering...

No matter what your life has been or what it is right now, God has a specific purpose in mind for you. He created you with a special plan in mind. You can leave everything that is negative behind you. God already knows all about the failures, the hurts, the troubles, the pains...but He also knows what He has planned for you.

- 1. New hope** – "the feeling that what is wanted can be experienced and that life events will turn out for the best; to believe, desire, or trust"
- 2. New love** – not infatuation, not bitter, not forced, not pretentious...TRUE LOVE...intimate, passionate, real, genuine, authentic....
- 3. New life** – again, leave your past behind and become a new you. New Year's Resolutions. Real changes bring new life.

All these were exactly what Jesus offered to the woman at the well. She may not have deserved it, but He came to this world to give Himself for her and those just like her living in without hope, not experiencing true love, or knowing the kind of life He intended for us to have.

Recruits

Matthew 4:18-22 NLT – ¹⁸*One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. ¹⁹Jesus called out to them, 'Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!' ²⁰And they left their nets at once and followed him. ²¹A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too. ²²They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind."*

Today is a NEW DAY; a chance at a NEW BEGINNING. We don't just love new things, we love new beginnings...

How To Start Again...

1. Hear the call

- a. Jesus is calling you!

2. Seize the moment

- a. Don't wait until you have it all together. "*They **immediately** left their nets...*"

3. Make the change

- a. Some things you need to leave behind.

4. Commit to it

- a. You won't experience the new if you are half-hearted.

Illustration – NEW CREATION

London businessman Lindsay Clegg told the story of a warehouse property he was selling. The building had been empty for months and needed repairs. Vandals had damaged the doors, smashed the windows, and thrown trash around the interior.

As he showed a prospective buyer the property, the owner took pains to say that he would replace the broken windows, bring in a crew to correct any structural damage, and clean out the garbage.

"Forget about the repairs," the buyer said. "When I buy this place, I'm going to build something completely different. I don't want the building; I want the site."

Compared with the renovation God has in mind, our efforts to improve our own lives are as trivial as sweeping a warehouse slated for the wrecking ball. When we become God's, the old life is over (**2 Cor. 5:17**). He makes all things new. All he wants is the site and the permission to build. "...I don't want the building, I want the location. I'm going to build something NEW!"

Prayer