Behold, I will do a new thing!

<u>Isaiah 43:18-19</u>

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.

1. The Grace of Supplication

• On the Boxing Day - 26 Dec last year, Paul and I woke up to a totally unexpected pull into a place, where the grace of petition & supplication came upon us, lasting a month with many hours of prayer each day with a break every so often.

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• Wind of Change - I remembered the spirit of prophecy that was upon me in April 2022 concerning the wind of change being released from the Lord over the nations, governments, churches and God's people.

I've prayed again and again that the Wind of Change will turn into the Wind of Favour, watching God's ppl go through massive fearful changes in their lives. I could do little but just pray that the wind of the Lord will carry them to God's prophetic destiny for their lives, into His next chapter & assignment for them.

But this time I was praying that the Whirlwind of Change to turn into a Whirlwind of Favour.

- Paul and I prayed together for hours each day led sovereignly by this spirit of supplication and petition. We as **husband and wife were reclaiming the old spiritual ground** as we did so, becoming one in spirit.
- Resilience Training Overcome negative flight-fight response of the brain, change your physical location & posture. Don't stay in one place, don't stay in the same position. So we prayed at home, in the office, in the park.

Jesus left the familiarity of house & ppl, and went up to the mountain & prayed.

Elijah travelled 40 days/nights to Mt Horeb to hear God in a cave.

2. New Beginning - Letting Go of the Old

• This is the year of the new beginning and of the Open Door.

To enter through the open door, we must exit one room to enter another.

We must close one chapter to open a new chapter.

We must leave the baggage of the past, leave them behind, both good & bad, successes & failures.

The simple biblical definition of failure is disobedience, and success is obedience.

Leave the bitterness of hurts, and not cling to the things we enjoyed in the past.

- Paul said in Philippians 3:12 'Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; <u>but I press on,</u> <u>that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me</u> 13 I do not count myself to have apprehended, but <u>one the thing I do forgetting things that are behind and reaching forward to those things</u> <u>which are ahead</u>.'
- God said to Samuel in 1 Samuel 16:1 'How long will you mourn for Saul? Seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel, <u>fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlem</u>, for I have provided myself a king among his sons.'
- Are you mourning your past where good things have happened? God has done amazing things. You lost a position, an opportunity, lost money? Maybe some people exited your life? You're mourning the loss.
- God comes to His prophet and says stop weeping, you grieved long enough for what used to be. Fill your horn with oil. God has a fresh vision, a fresh fire to pour out on you.

There are seasons, projects, people and relationships that will serve their purpose and they will come to an end, we grieve those endings and let them go, so we can open ourselves up for **New Beginnings**.

• The car you drive has a front windscreen that's very big and wide, with a small rearview mirror, because you need a wide clear view of what is before you, while being a little bit aware of what's behind you.

Don't have memories bigger than your vision for the future.

What would happen if you had a big rearview mirror and a small windscreen?

- **Pruning is a painful necessity** for those who want to step into a new season of fruitfulness.
- When we exit Egypt, we need to leave the garlic and onions of Egypt. God is taking us to a new place. Israel's mistake was trying to relive the past instead of embracing the future.

3. New Season Means New Supply

• Joshua 5:12 'Then the Mana seized on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land and the children of Israel no longer had Mana, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.'

When God removes Mana, it's because he has milk and honey for you.

When God removes the old supply of 'just enough' it's because he's positioning you for 'more than enough'.

- When your season is shifting God changes the supply. God is always the source but when he changes the resource when you experience a new season.
- **God provided for Elijah from the brook.** When it dried up, God told him 'I want you to go to a widow and I will feed you from there.' And Elijah enters another dimension of touching God's miraculous power.

1 Kings 17:14 - For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'

• When your season shifts, your brook dries up. It's time to turn to another direction God is pointing to.

God will find a different supply for you - different job, different career, different opportunity, different idea.

• God blessed Israel for 40 years with Mana. When they step into a new season, Mana stops.

Sometimes losing a job, business failing etc, is a new door through which you walk into a new season of far greater supply God has prepared for you.

• Eagle's moulting process – 2/3 of its feathers fall out, beaks break, vision dims (tears don't form in their eyes), and talons break off.

They lose the strength to fly & hunt, so they lack food and become weak, unattractive, and vulnerable to stress & sickness.

The moulting eagles seek low valleys to hide from other eagles or predators.

• But this is a season where the eagle gets new fresh feathers, a new powerful beak and talons, and sharper vision. So they can soar again with new power and go to war with new power.

Many of us are that eagle in moulting.

Mature eagles recognise these signs in the moulting eagle, and they drop food into the valley to help them regain their strength and return to their prominent place in the skies.

Drop encouragement, prayer, and words of faith for the moulting eagles in hiding.

4. Prayer for God's People

- The Wind of Change to become Wind of Favour
- As Old Supply ends, new supply from the Lord to open
- Moulting season to bring new clear sharp vision, new strength, new power to soar & war
- Season of mourning to lead to a season of new hope & strength