

Behold, I am doing a new thing!

PROPHETIC

1. Wind of Change

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Spirit of prophecy - @pastors' prayer meeting on Sun 24 Apr 2022

Strong but not violent wind – bring change in the government, church, ministry, life, family, career, and individual lives.

- God is carrying His people gently by His wind to the place of His assignment for them in the next chapter of their lives.

Don't be afraid of the unknown, don't resist this wind from the Lord.

Entrust yourselves and your lives into His hand.

- **John 3:8** *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

2. Scripture

- **Isa 42:9** *Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."*

- **Isa 43:16** *Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters,*
¹⁷ *Who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):*
¹⁸ **"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old.**
¹⁹ **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.

- **Isa 48:3** *"I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass.*

3. God Declares a NEW THING

- Before God does anything, He declares it, sends forth His Word. Then He does them at the fullness of time.
- Transaction in heaven takes place when God speaks it, then Man speaks what God is speaking.
The double-edged sword of God's Word goes forth when God speaks it and puts it into a man's mouth and then man speaks it.

4. God's way is through the WATERS

- Same body of water but new power & energy is driving it - NEW WAVE.
Worthless old desert bush burns before Moses – but God's holy fire on it changes the course of history.
- God's ways are always new. Path through solid land remains. Path through the waters closes over.
- God's ways are never the same. Never predictable.
You cannot tame God, control God, cannot box in God.
We can only yield, marvel, and follow.



5. Shall you not KNOW IT?

- We have to be aware of it to participate in it.

Sensitivity to voice of God, and His Spirit's whispers.

So you can pay attention to what God is saying and doing and engage.

Be careful how you hear, for to the one who has more will be given, and the one who does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken away from him.

- Surfers waiting for the waves to ride them

Manly beach - so cold, rough seas, no safe swimming zone, but so many surfers far into the sea, bobbing up and down.

Some let small waves go, some wait for the BIG ROGUE WAVE.

- Waves come in groups of 14 waves, the 7th wave is the biggest.

There is the 7th wave God has prepared for each of us, where God has made us ready with all the preceding smaller waves to equipped for the BIG ONE.

*(*When the wave breaks, we need to learn to walk again with Jesus and be totally satisfied with Him and be at rest because of Him.)*

6. How to Respond to New Life

- ***Jer 1:11*** And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a **branch of an almond tree.**" ***12*** Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, **for I am watching over My word to perform it.**"

- Almond tree is the first tree in Israel that springs to life at the coming of the spring season, it blossoms first and fruits first.

God is watching over His word to perform it in His exact timing.

Your responsibility is to be watchful to God's movement and awaken and spring to life as He says, 'NOW!'

- God's word spoken over your life and over our nation goes through winter death, but springs to life when God's time comes and God suddenly acts.

It's God's time when man's strength comes to an end.

When Abraham and Sarah's reproductive ability was dead.

When Joseph was forsaken and forgotten by men in the dungeon.

When the disciples' hopes and dreams died with Jesus their Messiah.

- God's way is always the way of death, burial and resurrection.

PRACTICAL

What is it in Your Hand?

7. Moses' Rod

- ***Exo 4¹*** Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

2 So the LORD said to him, "**What is that in your hand?**" He said, "A rod."

3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ***4*** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his

hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ⁵ **“that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”**

- Catcher season VS Pitcher season

Catch the ball: respond right to life's balls thrown at you – active trust

Throw the ball: aim and delivery power - ACTIVE FAITH

- It is now time to throw the ball God has given you.

You need to GET UP in FAITH and TAKE FORWARD STEPS by FAITH

How? With what? What can I do?

- What is that in your hand?

Don't look too far - God already trained you in it like wearing your own skin.

Something built into you from the wilderness seasons of your life.

Start baby steps – throw it to the ground. (God as your private tutor.)

- The humble shepherd's rod became the ROD of GOD in Moses' hand.

And You become the Rod of Power in God's Hand.

God didn't use Moses' royal sceptre when he was a prince in Egypt.

He used Moses' humble walking stick when he was a shepherd in the wilderness.

Exo 4:20 *Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the **rod of God** in his hand.*

Aaron – 1. Snake, 2. Water to blood, 3. Frogs 4. Dust to gnats

Moses – 5. Thunder, hail, fire from heaven, 6. Locust 7. Darkness (hand) 8. Red Sea parts 9. Water from Rock, 10. Won battle over Amalekites 11. Water from Rock II (should have spoken holding rod)

- NK Missionary – their children become God's mouthpiece in NK.

Your children, grandchildren, husband, wife, close relationships in your life may be the Rod of God the Lord has placed in your hand to shape.

8. David's Slingshot and Five Stones

- Humbly refuse Saul's armour – cannot walk in them, not used to them, not trained in them. Would have got David killed.

David fights with bare hands - God delivered him from bears and lions.

David's strength is his agility, mobility, speed & ANOINTING from God.

God will use him with his slingshot + five round stones from the brook.

- **1 Sam 17⁴⁵** *Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands.”*

- A Vision of Teenager David with the five stones in his lunch bag.

- Goliath: You gotta be kidding me.

- Israelite Army: Cringe with embarrassment and dismay.

- God: I want my David raw, unpolished, and real. Don't change him.

- God's fire fell upon Elijah's humble altar of 12 raw uncut stones.

Few remember fire falling on Moses tabernacle & Solomon's temple.

Why uncut stones? God wants simple but true worship of heart OVER time and energy spent on form and show.

- Caleb (dog) – followed the Lord wholeheartedly with undivided heart.
Lost dogs go to this person and sniff, sniff, go to that person sniff, sniff.
Repent and return to the Lord and follow Jesus fully like Caleb.

9. A Little Boy's Lunch

- **Luke 9** ¹² *When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."*

¹³ **But He said to them, "You give them something to eat."**

And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." ¹⁴ *For there were about five thousand men.*

Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." ¹⁵ *And they did so, and made them all sit down.*

¹⁶ *Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the multitude.* ¹⁷ *So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.*

- Barley bread – poor people's food, little boy's lunch – sardines?
Surrendered into the hands of Jesus – it feeds multitudes.
- When Jesus says, 'You give them something to eat!' he is not asking for something big, but a surrender of something you possess - humble and small in the eyes of men, but precious and holy in God's eyes.
- Told in all FOUR gospels – importance in the last days.
Jesus repeats the miracle with 7 loaves and a few fishes feeding 4000+.
Jesus rebukes the disciples for worrying about provision and supply. Matt 16, Mark 8

10. Practical Tips

Learn to say YES to the Lord and His work.

- Take small steps in the right direction.
Use what you have.
Parable of the Talents - He who has, will be given more. He who doesn't have, even what he thinks he has, will be taken away.
- One talent used 10 times exceeds Five Talent used Once.
A can of water used 10 times exceeds a bucket of water used Once.

A mother's Question

- how am I going to seek the Lord effectively with 3 children and a fulltime work?
Learn to walk with the Lord in everything small and big, not just church or prayer meetings, but at work, in the kitchen, go grocery shopping with Jesus, consult Jesus about anything, worship as you clean house.

- Vision of an altar over the kitchen sink – God receives all that I do and all my time when I do it with Jesus.
We all have to walk, whether to church or to workplace.
Your walk to the fridge must be the same as your walk to the pulpit.

We are in a major shift, transition and change

- We need serious self-humbling, no bragging or boasting, examining our hearts to remove all that hinders our relationship with the Lord.
God forbid that I boast of anything but the cross of Jesus, through which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.
- Practise humility – do menial work.
Jesus served his family as a carpenter.
Stephen and Philip served tables, and did signs and wonders.
John Paul Jackson deliberately cleaned the toilets, do menial tasks in the ministry. It is enlightened self-interest.