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Mark 2:18-22

18 The disciples of John and of the Pharisees were fasting. Then they came and said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?"

19 And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.

21 No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; or else the new piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.

22 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."

Psalms 92:10

But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

Isaiah 43:18-19

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.

Lets understand the analogy of the new wine and new wineskin:

A wineskin is an ancient container made of animal skin, usually a goat, used to transport liquids such as water, olive oil, milk, wine, butter or even cheese. In Bible times, they put new wine into new wineskins and let it ferment. During fermentation, the yeast works on the sugars and releasing CO2 which causes expansion. A new wineskin is strong, stretchable, and expands so that it contains the fermenting wine. From time to time the wineskin owner releases the gas. An old wineskin has already been stretched and may have become brittle. It will not stretch and will crack instead, causing the new wine to be lost.

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NEW WINESKIN

A new wineskin means a new you.

A new season requires a new you.

New wineskin implies TWO important things:

1, NEW WINESKIN MEANS BECOMING A NEW YOU

Allowing God to make you into the new you that God requires you to be in order to receive the new wine and the fresh oil

2, NEW WINESKIN MEANS RECEIVING NEW DISPENSERS

(new ways, new methods, new means, new strategies, new containers) to receive and release God's new wine and fresh oil.

Allowing God to restructure what you do so that He can release what He wants to release in and through you.

There are different ways God helps you become a new you - become a new wineskin:

Sometimes you DISCOVER NEW GIFTS, GRACES, OPPORTUNITIES and move into new areas of experience. You must move with boldness and courage.

Sometimes HE REDIRECTS YOU and sets you on sail on a course you did not anticipate. Here again you must move our boldly.

Sometimes HE STRETCHES YOU. You are put in a situation where you have to do things that stretch your skills, capabilities, beyond what you are accustomed to. Very often when something new is about to be released, something is being stretched e.g. a woman giving birth, the uterus expands to about 700 times its original size.

Sometimes HE USES "TIME IN THE WILDERNESS" (a period of Separation, Silence, Solitude, Secret, Strengthening, Spirit's power) and causes you to come out a new person. Your time in the wilderness is an exciting time...not a depressing time. You are being prepared to come out new. When Jesus transitioned from His daily life into the ministry, after He was baptized in water and the Spirit of God came on Him - He spent time in the wilderness - and then came out ready to launch into the new thing ahead of Him.

Sometimes HE TAKES YOU THROUGH A PROCESS OF METAMORPHOSIS. The caterpillar becomes a butterfly. People cannot identify you, but you've gone through a



metamorphosis that has brought about a new you. This could be going through some training, re-skilling, unlearning and re-learning, mentoring, nurturing, etc.

We must recognize and respond to God's way of making us a new wineskin.

NEW WINE, FRESH OIL

There is new wine for a new season.

Wine in Scripture is used often as a symbol of God's blessing, grace, joy, prosperity, covenant (used to represent the blood of Jesus through which we have covenant with God), the goodness of God, the new things that come from God, etc.

New wine represents NEW THINGS God releases in a new season.

At the time Jesus spoke it, He was specifically referring to the New Covenant about to be ushered in. The Old Covenant was coming to a close and the New Covenant was to be brought into effect. The New Covenant Jesus was bringing could **not** be contained within the framework of the old. God was ready to release a new thing.

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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.

When God does a new thing, what was once just a dream, what once seemed beyond your reach, now becomes the new norm!

New wine represents a NEW WORK OF THE SPIRIT released in a new season.

There is a fresh anointing for a new season.

Psalms 92:10

But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.

The Psalmist states that God has exalted (or increased) his horn (strength, dominion, influence) like a wild ox. This is the result of being anointed with fresh oil....representing a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit.

APPLICATION

Think about what this word would mean to you personally?



Take some time this week to pray, reflect, listen to God and see how He would want you to become new, so you can personally receive new wine and fresh oil in your life.

Consider what this means to us as a local church, corporately?

We pray for new wine, and fresh oil, but we present the old wineskin!

We cannot continue doing the SAME things and expect DIFFERENT results.

Sometimes we write down our GOALS, which obviously are bigger, higher, than the previous year, and then we go back and do the same things we were doing last year. This won't cut it!

Do new things to reach new goals.
Do things differently to see different results.

We must allow God to make us the new wineskin so we can receive His new wine and fresh oil.

1, All of us fast and pray every Friday for these 4 things for APC

You can add your own prayer points to this. (You are welcome to fast one or two meals. If Friday is not convenient you can fast and pray any other day). Why fast and pray - we are asking for new wine and fresh oil, but we are also presenting ourselves as new wineskin.

- A) Maturity - That every person at APC will grow into Christ-likeness in all things.
- B) Miracles - That we will see increased miracles of healings, deliverances, provision, needs met to bless individuals, families and businesses at APC
- C) Multiplication - That each location at APC will double this year and great multitudes of people will become part of APC
- D) Ministries - That as a church we will have great impact on our city, nation and the nations through the various ministries God has assigned to us

2, Each one share Jesus with at least one person each week

Make use of the free resources we have - APC Publications, Tracts, Church App, Website resources.

We will be coming out with a new tool that all of us can use to evangelize.

3, Each one of us invite at least two new people to church each month

These could be people you know or strangers who you meet. Just invite them and leave the decision to come to church, up to them.



4, As a Church we move into spontaneous flow with the Holy Spirit

In our church services we move from predictability to spontaneity. From being rigid to being yielded and flowing with the Spirit. As a church we do not gather around a form, an order of service, set structure, but allow the Holy Spirit to have His way in our **worship, fellowship, equipping** and **ministry** to one another. This means that when we gather we start on time, but then the rest of the service we flow with the Spirit. So we set our clocks (watches) to the flow of the Spirit. This can be a little uncomfortable for us, but we are telling God we are ready to become a new wineskin to receive His new wine and fresh oil. *(Note: We will not do this in the flesh and unnecessarily drag on our services making it lengthy and tiring).*

Let this happen in our relationships as well. As a church community let us spontaneously do things that build community. Meet with people. Have meals together. Get together for prayer, worship or Bible study.

Isaiah 65:8

"... new wine is found in the cluster,..."

If you crush an individual grape you get a few drops of grape juice. But when you crush a cluster of grapes, you get so much more. A great picture of community.

Let the spontaneous move of the Spirit fill us as a church - in our daily lives and in our gatherings.

There is new wine and fresh oil that God will release to us. This will happen when we present ourselves as a new wineskin so that we can receive what He is releasing to us.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: -----

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1) *Review the Word of the Lord for 2020 " New Wine, Fresh Oil, New Wineskin", and the action points related to this.*

- 2) *Share areas where you could apply the Word of the Lord 2020 and the action points in your life personally.*



3) Is there anything else that God has put on your heart for you to work on personally - share that as well if you'd like.

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>