



A Review :: Word of the Lord 2020

New Wine, Fresh Oil, New Wineskin

- Receive new wine and fresh oil for a new you!
- Present yourself as a new wineskin to receive new wine and fresh oil

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."

Psalm 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.

Let's 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

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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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.

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.

Psalm 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

Fresh Oil represents a FRESH ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT released in a new season

Personal & Corporate application:

1, *Fast and pray* at least once every week

A) Maturity B) Miracles C) Multiplication D) Ministries

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

Make use of the free resources

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



4, As a Church we *move into spontaneous flow with the Holy Spirit* In our church services

So, in this new season we can expect the Lord to develop us in these ways:

- 1) He will cause us to: **DISCOVER - NEW GIFTS, GRACES, OPPORTUNITIES**
- 2) The Lord will **REDIRECT US** and set us on a course that we did not anticipate.
- 3) The Lord will **STRETCH US**.
We are put in a situation where we have to do things that stretch our skills, capabilities, beyond what we are accustomed to.
- 4) The Lord will **USE "TIME IN THE WILDERNESS"** (*a joyful time, not a depressing season.. a period of Separation, Silence, Solitude, Strengthening*)
- 5) The Lord will **TAKE US THROUGH A PROCESS OF METAMORPHOSIS**. Complete transformation.

Today's Message
Sunday July 12, 2020 | Run With Endurance!

Our responsibility is to receive the Word, believe the Word and apply the Word (*Run with it*)

While we present ourselves to Him as new wineskins, allowing the Lord to develop us as we journey with Him in 2020, we are exhorted to *run this race well*.

Our life as believers – pursuing God's call and fulfilling God's assignment for us – is referred to by the apostle Paul figuratively as '*the race*'

This race is different in the sense that we don't compete with a fellow disciple.

1 Corinthians 9:24

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

Paul instructs the Corinthian believers to live their lives *purposefully and intentionally – run to obtain the prize*.

2 Timothy 4:7

7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.



Here, Paul testifies that he has completed his life assignment, fulfilled the call of God on his life.

Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Here in chapter 12, the writer of Hebrews after listing the heroes of faith in chapter 11 encourages us to *live each day with endurance and in order to fulfill our God-given assignment.*

What is endurance?

It is the ability to go through a difficult process or situation **without giving up** | It is the capacity **to withstand wear** and tear. **Don't Quit!**

In the NT, '*endurance*' describes a person who does not deviate from his faith & purpose even while facing great trials and sufferings - one who is **steadfast**, who **perseveres patiently**.

1. To run with endurance is to be intentional (deliberate & purposeful)

- Intentional about the way we live our life – Christ centered choices & decisions.
- Intentional about what we do with our resources – time, finances, skills & abilities.

If we are not intentional it will affect the way we run – our speed, we might lose our sense of direction.

2. To run with endurance is to be consistent

Consistent in our walk with God – not being double minded about Him, His Word.

Consistent in our spiritual disciplines – Word, Prayer

Consistency does not happen overnight. It is built every day.

To be consistent and intentional requires discipline

3. To run with endurance is to have faith & a good conscience

1 Timothy 1:19

19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck



RUNNING WITH ENDURANCE – Some Insights

(Read)

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1) Identify And Put Away

Vs 1:

Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us

Sin – missing the mark.

Sinful act we commit knowingly, unknowingly.

Sin has the ability to ensnare us (trap us)

Sin in a believer's life results in loss of joy, fellowship.

The Holy Spirit **warns us before** we sin (gives a check in our spirit)

The Holy Spirit **convicts us after** we sin (we grieve the Spirit)

We are not to consider sin as an option, tolerate sin in our lives or justify sin.

As believers, we need to do only one thing with sin. **Put it away. Lay aside** the sin!

weight (Greek. *ogkos*, pronounced ong'-kos) a heavy mass, a burden, hindrance

- slows us down, drags us down, prevent us from running well
- prevents us from reaching our destiny. These are destiny-blockers.
- Prevent us from enjoying the run. There's no joy in the journey

Weights need not be necessarily sinful but they have the potential to open the door for sin to enter in.

Some weights to consider:

- *Relationships* - the company we keep (eg. 'chill bro' friends school/college)/
- God-substitutes - 'idols' – position, power, passions.
- Attitudes – ***pesimistic, superior, contentious***
- Anything that stops us from giving ourselves wholeheartedly to God.

These also have the ability to ensnare us.



2) Unbroken Focus

Vs: 2

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

looking - to consider attentively, to turn the eyes away from other things and fix them on something.

In order to focus our eyes on something we have to turn away from other things.
Turn away from distractions.

author – originator | *finisher* - perfecter

The Lord Jesus is the source of our faith

The Lord Jesus is the one who completes & brings our faith to perfection.

Don't be distracted. Distractions result in fear so we don't step out in faith

(eg. Peter walking on water – Matt 14:30 'but when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord save me!')

- Let's turn **our eyes upon Jesus**.
- **Incline our hearts** to what the Spirit of God is saying.

Vs: 3

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

consider – contemplate, think, ponder

Don't be distracted. Distractions deplete our strength & discourage us.

(eg. Nehemiah – rebuilding the wall)

- 1) Attempt # 1 – Neh 2:19,20 – Sanballat, Tobiah, Gesehem '*laughed & despised*'
Nehemiah's response – Faith in God and commitment to what He had put in his heart
- 2) Attempt # 2 – Neh 4:1 – '*furious, indignant, mocked*'
Nehemiah's response – prayer



- 3) Attempt # 3 - Neh 4:7-8 – conspired to attack & create confusion –
Nehemiah's response – *prayer with strategy (some built the wall while some stood guard)*
- 4) Attempts # 4-8 (5 times) – Neh 6: 2,3
Nehemiah's response – *discerned & refused*
- 5) Attempt # 9 – Neh 6:13 – secret informer – false instruction – to cause Nehemiah to sin & thereby damage his reputation among the Jews.
Nehemiah's response – *perceived & refused*
Nehemiah 6:15 – the wall was completed in 52 days

3) Endure Chastening

Vs: 7

7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

chasten – correct, admonition out of care and concern

Our heavenly father will not abuse us. He is too good to do us any harm.

- God primarily corrects us personally through His **Word and Spirit**
Holy Spirit conviction
- God corrects us **through others** – authority structures – divine order
- When we persist in sin or rebellion – reap the consequences – we open the door for the enemy to come in. **God will use even those circumstances to correct us.**

Vs: 11

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

not joyful but painful – *surgery without anesthesia* (eg.

God is redemptive – He corrects us to redeem us.

4) Arise & Run

Hebrews 12:12-15

12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,



13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Assignment - Hands, knees, feet

Christlikeness - pursue peace & pursue holiness, avoid bitterness

Grace - Keep yourself in the grace of God (2 timothy 2:1)

Isaiah 40:31

31 But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL

Proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, Healer, Deliver, Miracle Worker.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The power of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for us today.

We have been commissioned to do the works He did and even greater works.

We must come to Him in faith and we will receive.

Minister for people to receive healings, deliverances and miracles.

Lead in prayer for repentance and salvation.



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Sunday July 12, 2020
Run With Endurance

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: *Hebrews 12:1-15*

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) *How does 'Sin' and 'weights' interfere with our run of endurance? Share some personal examples*

- 2) *Is there any 'God's assignment' or call of God in our life that has been put on pause or slowed down? What caused it? What will cause us to arise and run?*



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 safe, protected and strengthened during this pandemic.*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on the Earth, to bring healing & cleansing to our city, state, nation and nations. For God to change the current world situation – economy, health and bring revival to the nations.*

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>

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