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Greetings men of God!

I trust you've been opening your life to His still small voice that "booms" in your spirit if you're willing to listen.

There's a move of His presence that's getting ready to take over right there where you are at. But... you're going to need to pursue it despite the distractions. Watch as God positions those in leadership who are listening and moves those out-of-the-way who aren't!

In Luke chapter 5, at the end there is a parable that I believe is timely for right now! Verses 36-39 say: *"No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment. If he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skin and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new, for he says 'the old is better'!"*

First of all, Jesus Christ came to save sinners. That's you and me. Most have come to an understanding of that in their minds. But didn't Paul in Romans 10:9 tell us to 'believe' in our hearts! It's a whole lot deeper than your mind! 1 Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."* Is your wineskin new? Or is it kind of dry and flaky?

Behold! God is about to do a new thing - it springs forth - do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19). And there it is again in verse 18: *"Remember not the former things, neither consider the things of old!"* He says it springs forth! I was given the Scripture back in August when I landed in a new place. He told me to get ready and I'd know when to give this word. I didn't come to a wilderness or even a desert. Perhaps you're in a 'wild' place or a 'dry as dead man's bones' type of place. I came to a well - watered garden, but I do feel they have been preferring the old wine and have said "the old is better". But...Hold on! There's always a remnant who will be obedient who will perceive the new thing. Who will shake off the iniquity and run from religiosity? Are you one of those?

Have you gone to church meetings where they do the same thing over and over again? Songs are sung to get a crowd reaction rather than God's attention. Sometimes it seems as if the "Dove" (His presence) flew away a long time ago. We get in such a traditional mode we talk about the Spirit, but it seems we never allow Him to gently come in and take over like He wants to. We get in ruts. And the only difference between a rut and a grave is about six inches! Are we dead or alive? Full of His presence and full of His joy and most of all His love!?

Old wineskins to hold wine must be soaked in water to soften them. Then they must be greased with oil or butter to prevent leaking and evaporation. Old, dried out wineskins are unfit for liquids, especially for wine to ferment in, because the violence of the fermentation would burst them. All of you home/cell

brewers know what I'm talking about. Burst bags are no fun - smells everywhere! Don't be the stench in God's nostrils.

The Greek word for *new* regarding the wine is *neos* meaning freshly made. It's new in existence. God loves to give us new, fresh fire! Fresh wind! Fresh love! Fresh power! And the Greek word for *new* wineskins is *Kainos* meaning renewed. Ephesians 4:23 says, "*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness*". *Renewed* here in the Greek is *ananeco* meaning the whole course of life now flows in another direction.

Are you ready to flow in another direction? A Spirit led direction? Where you put off the old and move into the new? To combine the two would be disastrous! Both would wind up being destroyed. Are you a kingdom builder or destroyer?

The new wine is about to be poured out men! Don't miss out because of pride or arrogance or being stuck in the bowels of tradition. The seven words of a dying church are "we've never done it this way before." Get ready to be moved out of your comfort zone. Real revival starts in the heart of each man and I've seen it catch like fire when we're willing to get out of the way and let God move. An evangelist to served one of the great revivals in American history said the Spirit whispered to him when revival broke out: "I'm tired of man misrepresenting me, so I decided to show up and represent myself!" And let me tell you from experience, it isn't pretty. The results are, but when God does show up at a given place because of mercy seat is been prepared for Him, it's messy. Men will experience fear and trembling at His presence and they'll fall on their face in repentance crying out for that mercy that only he can grant and that salvation that only He can give. Trust me, it's usually a snotty mess. But that's what God loves. A repentant heart. A broken and contrite spirit that isn't full of religious dogma or judgmental pseudo-love.

Men of God, prepare your heart, and renew your mind. When His presence shows up, run to it, run to Him. Don't go all Adam and look for the nearest fig leaf. He already knows. Make it right. Let the tears of repentance flow. Even now, let this word be the start of the new thing He's wanting to do in your life. Be revived in Jesus name!

A prayer: Father, wash over me even now with Your precious blood. Forgive me for my sins for they are many. Help me do the right thing even when no one is looking, because You are. Soak me in the oil of Your anointing to soften me back up, so I'm ready for Your new wine. Thank you for Your mercy and patience with me. Fill me with Your presence. Your peace. Your joy. Your love. Draw me closer to You and keep me from going back to the way I used to be. I'm here for You. Take my life, my Lord, and use me. In Jesus name, Amen.

Ready yourselves. I believe in each and every one of you,

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