

“Make Way for the New”
By P. Becky Sunday, February 11, 2024

Intro:

Get ready, there is coming a catapulting forward in the Spirit! Pare down, pare down, pare down!

What I sensed His Spirit say was **“don’t take the unnecessary with you as He repositions you**, both in the natural and in the spiritual.”

“I will do a new thing!”

Isaiah 43:19-21 19. *“Behold, I will do a new thing (fresh, new thing), Now it shall spring forth (to sprout, spring up, grow up); Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness (uninhabited land) And rivers in the desert (a desolate place, waste land). 20. (The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches), Because I give waters in the wilderness (uninhabited land) And rivers in the desert, (a desolate place, waste land) To give drink (to irrigate, furnish a portion to) to My people, My chosen. 21. This people I have formed (squeezing into shape, fashion) for Myself; They shall declare My praise.”*

1. Are His Promises, His Words to us, conditional?

I believe that **there is always a process** we must go thru when the Lord speaks a word to us, always!

The word **comes with a price in the sense that if something doesn’t cost us, we won’t fully know the value of that thing and appreciate where we’ve come from, and where we are going.**

For many of you the Lord is repositioning you so that you can function in what He has called you to do.

One of the prices that this is going to cost you is Warring over your word. 1 Timothy 1:18

I believe that **one of the biggest aspects of warfare is getting past our own thoughts, the things we think and the things we speak concerning the Word God has given us!**

You must mix your word with faith! Matthew 9:28-29 **believe** means **“to have faith in, to entrust (especially one’s spiritual well-being to Christ).”**

Prophetic words come with an invitation to believe in whatever the word is saying to you. The invitation is for us to **raise our faith level** and believe that what God has spoken will come to pass. You may receive a word, but **it’s up to you to believe and do spiritual warfare over the outcome of that word.**

Have faith! **Matthew 17:20.** **unbelief** means **“lacking faith, trusting too little.”**

Do you really believe God has spoken this to you? If so, then **your thoughts and words need to come into alignment with what you believe.** True faith is when you cannot see it in the natural, but you still believe that God will do it, because He said He would! The battle for the territory now becomes more about listening to the Lord and doing what He is asking you to do.

Matthew 16:19 **Is He asking you to bind something on earth? Is He asking you to loose something on earth?**

2. Can you Take the Old into the New?

Most of the time we cannot take a step into the new thing until we’ve let go of the old thing. God will require you to **let go of the old to enter the new. Why?** I believe that if you don’t get rid of the old you will not have the space both emotionally and spiritually for the new in your life!

Can you enter into the new thing God is doing, if you are emotionally tied to the old thing He is calling you out of?

In **Joshua 3:10** the Lord told Joshua that **He would without fail drive out from before him 7 “ites.”**

Joshua could not possess the new land until the old inhabitants were driven out, until the old inhabitants were dispossessed.

- 1. Canaanites** – The name Canaanite means **“a pedlar, a person who peddles”**. A peddler is someone who peddles something. A peddler by inference is **a person who is trying to sell something for selfish gain. 2 Corinthians 2:17. This speaks to motivation and pureness of heart!** When you begin to possess all that God has for you, the new thing, you must align your heart with Him.
Matthew 12 33-37 When our heart is aligned with the Spirit of God, it will be reflected in our speech, in the things we say. **Can we go into the new speaking the things of the old?**
- 2. Hittites** – The name Hittites means **“Dread.”** The Hittites are descendants of Heth and Heth means “Dread.” Dread means to **fear greatly, to be reluctant to do or experience something. You cannot move into the new if you are dreading getting rid of the old.** Paring down is for our benefit, not God’s!
- 3. Hivites** – The name Hivites means **“Deception.” Joshua 9. God is looking for us to consult Him about every area of our lives! Purity of heart is what God wants as we prepare to step into the new thing! No deception in our lives!**

4. **Perizzites** – The name Perizzites means “Lawlessness.” The Perizzites **lacked discipline and restrictions. Lawlessness is not of God! Doing your own thing, being undisciplined, living with no restrictions – this is a form of lawlessness.** God is looking for a people who are **using His Word as their guide, who respect that He has “laws” and standards, and who want to live by those standards and disciplines.** **Romans 6:23**
5. **Girgashites** – The name Girgashites means “dwelling on a clay soil.” The name means **Muddy, clay, black mud.** **Psalm 40:2. Are there things in your life that are keeping you stuck?!**
Are there things that you have been living with for years that you just can’t seem to get victory over, that are pulling you down? Possessions you don’t want to give up, habits or sicknesses, addictions or even your own lack of faith, your own negative thinking. There is no moving forward into the new when you are stuck in the mud of the old!
6. **Amorites** – The name Amorites means “a sayer, idolatry”. In the Hebrew definition it says **“in a sense of publicity and prominence!”** The Amorites were a powerful nation, tall and strong!
Amos 2:9 When you put anything before God, it must come down! When something is put before God, it grows in power until it is looming over you, controlling you! Not only must you destroy the fruit of it, what you can see, but the very root of that thing must come out!
7. **Jebusites** – The name Jebusite means “descendants of Jebus” which were down trampers. The name means “to trod down with the feet, to trample, to put your foot on the neck.” **Genesis 15:16** talks about the iniquity of the Amorites.

This Jebusite spirit wants to trample you down and put you under its feet. This spirit will produce fear and anxiety, depression, and oppression, trying to keep you down and keep you from moving into the new thing that God has for you! But God has great victory for you!

3. Are You Ready to be Catapulted?

I have been hearing the word catapulted for over a month! And what I hear the Lord saying is that for those who are ready, **those who will put their faith in Him and really truly believe, He is going to catapult you into the new thing He has for you.** **Catapult = powered by either torsion** (the act of being twisted) **or tension** (the act of stretching or straining). **To hurl or launch in a specific direction, to shoot forth.**

4. Are you ready to Release the Old in order to Step into the New?

Releasing the old can be **painful!**

Releasing the old **can take as much time as you decide to give it!**

For some of you God has been speaking to you about releasing things and paring down for years!

Do you know that as long as you let yourself be tied to those things that God has been asking you to release, you will stay stuck in them, stuck in the muddy clay.

Even though releasing the old may be hard, it is very freeing!

In the releasing, it makes a place for the new!