

Saturday December 2 was the first concert here. It was monumental in that; it was 53 years later (December 1970) that the first concert ministry building opened on Granite Street in Prescott AZ.

Now; a new building, new technology, new bands... but in its essence, the same thing!

What will this new thing become for you? What path will you let it set for you? What will you allow it to water in your life?

Isaiah 43:18–19 (NCV) The Lord says, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. ¹⁹ Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

I FORGET BEFORE:

A- A ministry that has lasted 53 years will have some memories behind it-

1. Good memories: Victories, heroes, breakthroughs, reference points, camaraderie, brotherhood... etc
2. Bad memories: Offenses, hurts, rejection, in fighting, back biting, slander, gossip, discord... etc

B- Text says to Forget what happened before: **Why do you think that is?**

1. Forget = Willingly are ignorant of...
2. Because the good memories can become the Golden age... I REMEMBER WHEN I/WE and today is lame
3. Because bad memories can cause you to resent and pull away from current involvement...
4. God says: Start fresh... Start new... Start again... Be willing to pull what you need from the past, and get rid rest.

C- Where are you with Concert ministry? How do you view it?

1. What does your past tell you about it? Can you forget what happened before, and look ahead?
2. What do you want it to be?
3. God says: **V18 The Lord says**, “Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past.
 - a. Because this is balance, its healthy, people can change, you can change, the future can change!

II A NEW THING:

A- V19 Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don’t you see it?

1. God is a God of Vision... He always looks ahead, at the potential, at the Hope of better, at greater things!
2. This is how He wants us to see life; That we can move ahead in new things/seasons/chapters of life
 - a. That it wasn’t just good in the past... That it wasn’t just bad in the past...
 - b. Rather: There is a new thing ahead! A new work... new fruit... new growth... new abilities!

B- God says 3 important things in our passage:

1. Look at the new thing: Its a command, and its directive... LOOK... Where? At the new thing-
 - a. Because it matters where you look in the new place! You could miss it because you aren’t looking correctly!
2. Its already happening: Its present, its here, its already in motion...
 - a. Why? Because too often we are waiting... for the vibes, feels, apologies, passion, motivation
 - i. God says... Its already happening... get in!
3. Don’t you see it?: Do you see what could be? The Potential of what this time can be for you?
 - a. I have **learned** everything through this ministry & I have **taught** everything through this ministry
4. This is A NEW THING! ... and old thing in a new season, an old thing that can do something new in you-

III ROADS AND RIVERS:

A- V19 I will make a **road** in the desert and **rivers** in the dry land.

1. 2 things that this new thing can do in your life-
 - a. Road in the desert: It can lead you into ministry, leadership, calling, destiny...
 - i. From whatever desert you are in; Uninvolved, Carnality, Barrenness, Purpose
 - b. Rivers in the dry land: It can water some things in your life-
 - i. Talents, Abilities, involvement, leadership, people skills, problem solving skills, evangelism, imagination
2. Because at its center is The Gospel of Jesus Christ! Lives Changed, Disciples Made, Churches Planted!