

2022 is The Year of Shifting



Isaiah 43:18-19

- Shift – to change; to change the place, position, or direction. To move; to move from one assignment to another. To exchange or replace by another.
 - Today, Sunday, January 2, 2022, we are celebrating 31 years of being a church family!
 - God has been amazing and wonderful to us!!!
 - This year, 2022 is “The Year of Shifting.”
 - This promise must have reminded Isaiah’s readers of the exodus from Egypt when God saved their forefathers from bondage and led them through the wilderness.
 - The promise in the Scripture is that God will do greater things than ever before for His people; He will perform a new thing on their behalf (v. 18-21).
 - The Lord promises to guide us day by day as we walk through life.
 - Another great promise of the Lord is that He will provide for our needs.
 - In this text, the prophet is speaking to the Nation of Israel, however, he is prophesying to the body of Christ.
- There are seven important things God is saying:
 1. God is saying, I am going to tell you who you are – verse #1. You are someone!
 2. I am going to tell you who I am – verse #2 – “I am dependable and faithful.”
 3. I am going to identify myself – verse #3 – Prophet - Jesus
 4. I am going to express my feelings toward you – verse #4 – “I Love You”
 5. I am going to give you my reasons for creating you – verses 10-11 – “To make Him clear and visible” to the world.
 6. I am going to tell you exactly why you need to stay together – verse #12 – We are His witnesses that God is God.
 7. I am going to tell you exactly what I must do – verse 18 “He is going to do a new thing.”

- Verse 19 – it is an act of our will; we must allow God to do a new thing.
 - A. The wilderness is a place of confusion.
 - B. Rivers in the desert.

- For the rest of this year, 2022, we will be preparing to shift.
- I have a two-fold purpose:
 1. I want to make sure that we pass the baton correctly.
 2. We must make an assessment.

- Goal: to make Jesus Christ “clear and visible” to the world.
- My assignment will be changing from “Senior Pastor” to Chief Executive Pastor.”
- Pastor John Goins will move into the “Senior Pastor” role.
- How will we do this?
 1. The Bible study - we will be going over the Nine Spiritual Principles.
 2. Sunday messages – designed to prepare us for the shifting.

- Principle – an eternal truth when followed, yields a desired result.
- “To equip the children of God to know His voice, to identify and perfect the Nine Spiritual Principles to further the Kingdom of God locally, nationally, and internationally.”