



Not just an ordinary year...

Isaiah 43: 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."

Dear Friend,

If you've seen many Januarys and Decembers, it is tempting to consider a new year just another collection of 365 or 366 days. However, if you are an observer of Kairos, i.e. opportune times and seasons you will know that every decade or thereabout something new happens. There are constantly new developments or reinventions of old ones. Be it in technology, religion, education, psychology, sociology, physiology and all other dimensions. These changes may look man made to you, but in reality they are divinely orchestrated. Think about the scripture above- God said, I WILL do a new thing. It is a statement of fact- regardless of whether you believe it or not. So the big question is, 'who is God going to use to execute His new plans at the turn of this new season?'

If a CEO with a proven success record has a breakthrough idea that will lead the latest revolution in technology, who would he pick to be a part of the winning team? Someone who resists change? Who has refused to learn new skills, talents, and abhors innovation and creativity? Of course not! He will pick someone who is enthusiastic about life. One who is always eager to learn, who may grow in age but not in mind. Someone who can catch the new vision and run with it.

Friends, your posture and position will have to change if we are to remain relevant and useful to God. We have to press the refresh button to embrace newness. Unshackle yourself from the old way of reasoning and doing things. Free yourself from religion and press into a true relationship and partnership with God. Seek to know His mind and ask Him what He is doing and how you can be a part of His new plan. Except you reimagine a fresh beginning you will be stuck in the way things have always been. I pray that we will not be stuck in the old, but God will find us useful vessels for His new plans. Have a truly wonderful New Year.

In His Service,

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