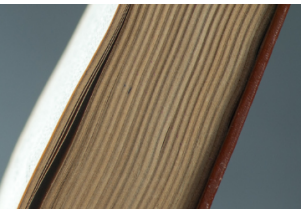




A NEW THING



Talk summary:



Remember, remember, forget! 'A new future' [Isaiah 43:14-21]

1. **REMEMBER WHO GOD IS** - God reminds His people in exile of who he is (**Isaiah 43:14-15**) – they are surrounded by many Babylonian idols and God was reminding them that he was the one true God.
So what? – If we are in a place of disappointment with God, like the Exiles, how might God want to restore our trust in His power and heart to rescue?
2. **REMEMBER WHAT GOD DID** – God is reminding his people of his faithfulness. His power to save. His heart to rescue them (**Isaiah 43:16-17**). God wants to remind us that He does not change, that if He could do it then he can do it again.
So what? – Might God be wanting to raise our expectations once again for how he wants to act in and through us in this season ahead?
3. **FORGET ALL THAT!** - God is saying through Isaiah that if they expect God to act in the same way as He did before they will miss it. (**Isaiah 43:18-21**) Don't let how God has moved in the past be a straightjacket for how we expect him to act in the future.
So what? – What period of your life are you measuring everything against? While learning, building upon and being inspired from the past, where might this be a restriction for seeing the 'new thing' God is up to now?

Questions:

Conversation Starter

- *Are we an early adopter or naturally cautious? What are our hopes and concerns for the future?*

What might God be saying to me about this theme/situation?

What have I learnt that I want to hold on to?

How am I going to put it into practice?