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[CONNECT]

What are some of the best memories you have from your past? (example - childhood memories / holidays with family / vacations to see relatives) Why is that memory so special for you?

[ENGAGE]

What stood out to you from this weekend's message?

[GROW]

Read Isaiah 43:14-19. Discuss the picture you see God giving the people of Israel. How might that relate to you?

What are some challenges you have faced in the past that actually helped you get where you are today with: Your family? Your career? Your relationship with Jesus?

What caused the breakthrough in those challenges to turn your situation around? A raise? A new job? Prayer? A friend's advice?

God wants us to learn from our past, but not sit in it. The things that happened in our past are supposed to be parts of who we are, not the theme of who we are. What parts of your past have you allowed to be the theme of your life?

Have you ever encountered a spiritual "dry spell?" What was it like, & how did it make you feel?

Like the people of Israel, we too can sit around and wait for God to show up the exact same way in our lives. However, even though God is the same "yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), Jesus wants to do something NEW in you. Have you sensed what that newness is? Discuss it...

If we're always looking back for God to rescue or bless us the way he's done it in the past, we could miss what God is trying to do new in our lives. How can you stay alert and less distracted to see what God is doing in your life?

One translation of our key verse says the word "perceive" (NIV) instead of "see" (NLT). The word perceive here means to accept. In other words, God is stating that he has already begun something new in your life, and then asking if you will accept what he's doing. Think about the "new" God is doing in your life, and process whether or not you accept it.

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Do you need stop looking back at what was and look for the new? Are you reflecting on the past and your current reality so intently - that you could be missing where God is trying to take you in the new?

Think about your life. Think about your daily routine; your marriage or your singleness; your kids; your job or your career or your school. Your health and your finances. Your relationship with Jesus.

Now read the words of the Lord - "forget all that— it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.