

# The Patches Aren't Working

**Mark 2:21-22**



# **Change ...a New Way... a Better Way**

## **Jesus Began His Ministry Changing Things**

- **He showed a Life Beyond Religion**
- **A Change from the Inside Out**
- **A New Way that Life Could Be... a Better Way!**

**We get Excited about the Ways Things Could Be...  
...yet we are Comfortable w- the Way Things Are**

**We Talk about Change...**

**...yet we resist it w- Every Fiber of our Being!**

- **To Grow = Change**
- **But to Change Doesn't Always = Growth**

# **Change ...a New Way... a Better Way**

**Jesus Knew this was Not Going to Be Easy  
So He used Symbolism to get His Point Across**

- New Wine and Wine Skins**
- To us it Means Very Little**
- To them it was Rich in Meaning!!!**

# Change –Actually 3 Parables in 1

## The First Parable-

•the old garment speaks of the **legal system or dispensation**, while the new garment **pictures the era of grace. They are incompatible.**

*"Jesus would do no such thing as tack on Christianity to Judaism. Flesh and law go together, but grace and law, God's righteousness and man's, will never mix."*

## The Second Parable-

•teaches the folly of putting **new wine into old wineskins. Attitude/ Ceremony** - The fermenting action of the new wine causes pressure on the skins which they are no longer pliable or elastic enough to bear. **The skins burst and the wine is spilled.**

## The Third Parable-

•**Luke adds-He says, "The old is better."** This pictures the **natural reluctance of men to abandon the old for the new**



# Jesus Gives a Great Parable About Change

*“No one pours new wine into old wineskins”*

- The Wine is the Grace of God in the New Covenant
- The Old Wineskins were the Traditions of the Elders
- The New Wine will Burst the Old Wineskins
- Wineskins were Made from Animal Skins

Over a Period of Time they Would Become Hard and Brittle...  
...and Eventually Break

- Wine was made
- The juice then
- In the warm c
- no easy way t
- After the first
- was poured in
- Wineskins we
- had been sealed.



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 kly and there was  
 four to six days it  
 were cut off and

- the neck tied off where the wine has been poured in, the whole large skin bulging almost to bursting as the carbon dioxide gas generated by the fermentation process stretches it to its limit.
- Fermentation in the wineskin might continue for another 2 to 4 months until the process slows down and stops
- By that time the skin has been stretched to its limit

# Jesus Gives a Great Parable About Change

## Old Wine Skins (*attitude of Tradition*)

- Emotions= Numb / Stale
- Motions= Mechanical / Predictable / Inflexible
- Religion Held Hostage (resists change)

## New Wine Skins (*attitude of Expectancy*)

- Emotions= Alive / Fresh
- Motions= Spontaneous / Unpredictable / Flexible
- Gospel Gave Hope (change)

# Jesus Gives a Great Parable About Change

Luke adds Jesus saying, "*The old is better*" (Luke 5:39)

**He Meant that Some People are Reluctant to Change**

- **Stuck in the Past and Like It**
- **Stay with What they are Accustomed To**
- **They Don't Try the New Wine**
- **They Fail to Give the New Wine a Chance**

**The Truth is that Over Time, as the New Wine Seasons...  
...it will Become the Best Wine of All**



# Change

## Change is a...

### Part of Life

- Life is Full of Changes

### Paradox

- It is the Pathway to Progress
- But the Enemy of Status Quo

### Problem

- Change Brings Struggle (+)
- To Remain Same brings Struggle (-)



## Seven Lost Words of a Divine

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The only thing  
constant in life is  
**change**

-Heraclitus



# God is Author of New Things (*new wineskins*)

**If We Live in Yesterday's Blessings/ Favor...**

**...We Miss What the Lord is doing today**

**•God is Up to a New Thing**

**Isa 43:18-19, "*Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. {19} See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.***

A watercolor illustration of a blue jug pouring red liquid into a white wineskin. The jug is on the left, tilted, with a red stream of liquid flowing into the neck of the wineskin on the right. The wineskin is shown in profile, with its opening at the top. The background is a mix of light and dark grey washes. The entire scene is set against a light blue background with a white rectangular area containing the text.

# **God is Author of New Things (*new wineskins*)**

## **We Can't Fit Our...**

- **New Life in Our Old Attitudes**
- **New Blessings in Our Old Testimonies**
- **New Disciplines with Our Same Old Habits**

# **God is Author of New Things** (*new wineskins*)

**New Song** - Ps 40:2

**New Mercies** - Lam 3:22,23

**New Heart** and a **New Spirit** - Ezek 36:26

**New Mind** - Rom 12:2

**New Self** - Eph 4:24

**New Covenant** - Matt 26:28

**New Name** - Rev 2:17

**New Birth** - John 3:3

**New Heaven** and a **New Earth** - Rev 21:1

# The Elements of Change

**Change Occurs when Three Things are Present**

**1- Pain** – *a discomfort with the way things are*

**2- Hope** – *a vision of the ways things could be* -**Jer 29:11; John 4:34**

**3- Strategy** – *a plan of the steps to take us where we want to go*

# The Expressions of Change

## Change Comes in Two Forms:

- **Fix Something Broken** (Remedial)
  - focuses on problem solving
- **Grow in New Ways** (Developmental)
  - goal directed
- **Change for Change Sake is Pointless**
- It's just Rearranging the Deck Furniture on the Titanic
- Outcome based thinking. What is the goal? What do you expect to achieve? What is the product?



# The Emotions of Change

**Change Can Be Met with Two Feelings:**

**1- Fear (Num 13:31-33).**

- **Fear Makes us Resist Change**
- **Change is Unpredictable so we Tend to...  
...Stay With What We Know**

**2- Faith (Num 14:8-9, 24)**

- **Faith makes us Embrace Change and**
- **See Things the Way They Can Be**



# Get Ready for the New Wine!!!

- **Isaiah 54:2 (HCSB)**

*<sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the site of your tent, and let your tent curtains be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your ropes, and drive your pegs deep”*

- **Make Room for God to Work**

- **Expectation**

- **Flexibility**

- **Get Ready for a Supernatural Move of God!!!!**

