

Introduction

Something you may or may not know about me is... I love to laugh, the funniest people are Christians in my opinion. Include funny things we say the craziest things.

- "Bless this food" - about to eat double meat cheeseburger with fries and diet coke at 10pm, can you imagine God's face in heaven like seriously bro?!
- "Give me patience but hurry" - while stuck in traffic
- "I want God to do something new in my life", but we complain when He changes things in our lives

I'm sure you hear enough "God has something new for you", but I'm here to tell you: **It's not enough to hope for new, we must prepare for it as well.**

Wanting new isn't a bad thing.

Your expectation determines your preparation.

I can tell what you're waiting for by what you're working on.

Matthew 9

23 When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, 24 he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. 25 After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. 26 News of this spread through all that region.

Title: **Clear the Room**

(The room represents your heart and life.)

Jesus waited for the room to be cleared before doing a new thing.

God can't fill what is already full.

Body

How do we make room for the new?

Is. 43:18-19

18 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 wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

1. Clear the Room of the Past- *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

- Your greatest barrier is not what's in front of you but behind you.
- Failures- hurts, disappointments, relationships, leadership, academics, job, addictions
- Wins, past, miracles- the danger is that we start thinking we have God figured out. He is not a recipe or formula.

- Moses: So in Exodus 17, Moses obeyed God by striking the rock, but in Numbers 20 Moses disobeyed God by striking the rock instead of speaking to it. Maybe because he thought, it worked like this last time.
- Past experiences shape our thinking; limiting beliefs.
- **Sometimes the greatest barrier to what God wants to do is what He already did.**
- How do I know if you forgot? **Forget means to fail to remember, to not bring something with you, stop thinking about it, don't mention it anymore.**
- Your words frame your world, if you speak complaints, that's what you're going to live in
- Illustration: google home- somethings are voice activated
- Honor the past, learn from it but don't dwell there, don't live there. Give your past an eviction notice, it's time to move out.

2. Clear the Room of the Noise- *He said, "Go away. After the noisy crowd had been put outside..."*

- How many people like to listen to music when working or sleeping
- The crowd was noisy
- It wasn't a volume issue but a faith issue: Doubt
- It's just Jesus. Jesus had become regular to them. **Matthew 13:58 And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.**
- It matters who you listen to
- **Don't allow the crowd to influence you into mislabeling something as 'dead' when it's only 'sleeping'.**
- Don't put a period where God has a comma.
- There might be some voices you have to say Go Away

3. Clear the Room of the Timeline- *Now it springs up.*

- Stop putting off for tomorrow what He wants to do in your life today NOW.
- One day when I'm...
- One day when I get...
- One day when I move to...
- In your wilderness, in your wasteland... I'm not taking you out of it yet, I'm going to show you that I can do something just where you are at.
- **Look for the new thing in the old place.**

Conclusion

After moving to a fully furnished apartment in Miami, we were gifted new furniture but couldn't receive it until the owner of the apartment moved out the pre-existing furniture.