

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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. Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)*

## **No Way**

**So, you think that there is no way.** Did I say that or did I only think that? **What difference does it make?** Well, if I thought something but didn't say it, I might not have accepted it as being true. **Let's talk about your thoughts.** What do you have in mind? **I want you to move forward with me. I want you to follow me to where I am leading you. I want you to do what I am asking you to do for me.** What do my thoughts have to do with going where you guide me and doing what you ask of me? **That's a good question. What kind of thoughts have hindered your ability to go and do what I have asked of you?** In the past? **Yes, in the past.** In the past I have doubted that I could hear you. I have wondered if you were speaking to me. I wasn't sure that I could know and do your will. I thought maybe I was alone in the world. Because I had these thoughts, I didn't listen for your advice or seek your counsel. I wandered from one thing to another. I stumbled around in life. I made very little progress. I took one step forward and three steps back. **What do you think now?** Now, I know that I can hear your voice leading and guiding me through life. I am waiting for your instructions. I am following your advice. You are helping me to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **So, you have put away these former thoughts. You are not dwelling on your past inability to hear my voice?** No, I am not. **That's good.**

**What other thoughts have hindered your ability to go and do what I asked of you?** I thought that everything depended on me. I thought, if something was going to be accomplished it would have to be my gifts and talents and abilities that would get it done. **What do you think about these thoughts now?** They are ridiculous. They are so limiting. They are completely paralyzing. **What do you mean by that?** With these thoughts, I would never go and do what you asked of me. **Why is that?** You have always asked me to go and do what I cannot possibly do. You want me to rely on you working in and through me. You want to accomplish what only you can do in and through me. You want me to know without a doubt that what was accomplished was accomplished by your power and strength rather than by my own limited gifts, talents and abilities. **That's right. So, you put away these former thoughts. You are not dwelling on your past failures because you once relied solely on yourself?** No, I am not. **Are you ready for me to do new things? Are you ready for me to use your life in new ways?** Yes Lord, I am. **Then there is a way, that I will provide.** I am ready to take the new way that you will provide. My heart and mind and eyes are open to what you want to do in and through my life. **I'm glad to hear that from you.**

*Lord, I have had a hard time moving on from the past. I have dwelt on painful experiences. I have allowed the past to hinder me from being engaged in the present. Open my heart, mind and eyes to what you are doing now. Turn my barrenness into fruitfulness. Amen*

**Wisdom** *A New Thing*

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. 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.

NIV Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *A New Thing*

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

ESV Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *Something New*

"But 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.

NLT Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *A New Thing*

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 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.

NKJV Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *A New Thing*

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

NRSV Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *Something Brand-New*

"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

MSG Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *A New Thing*

Do not [earnestly] remember the former things; neither consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

AMP Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *A Brand New Thing*

"But forget all that—it is nothing compared to what I'm going to do! For I'm going to do a brand new thing. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the desert!

TLB Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *Something New*

"Do not call to mind the former things, Or ponder things of the past. "Behold, I will do something new, Now it will spring forth; Will you not be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness, Rivers in the desert.

NASB Isaiah 43:18-19

**Wisdom** *The New Thing*

The LORD says, "Forget what happened before, and do not think about the past. Look at the new thing I am going to do. It is already happening. Don't you see it? I will make a road in the desert and rivers in the dry land.

NCV Isaiah 43:18-19



**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you open your heart and mind and eyes to the new things God wants to do in and through your life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will open my heart and mind and eyes to the new things you want to do in and through my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what new things do you want to do in and through my life?*

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