



Open my eyes
that I may see

wonderful things
in your law.

The Passions, Priorities, and
Paradigms, of God's agenda
HIS NEW WINE SKINS

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- Psalm 119:18

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You're Not in the Driver's Seat

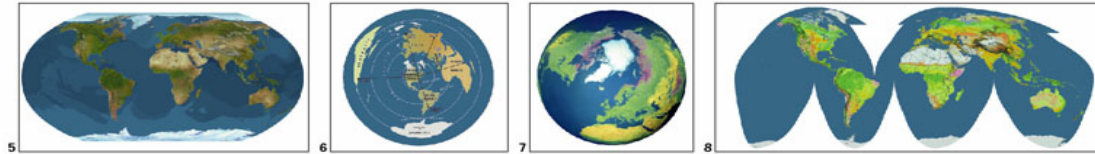
21-22 Then Jesus made it clear to his disciples that it was now necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, submit to an ordeal of suffering at the hands of the religious leaders, be killed, and then on the third day be raised up alive. Peter took him in hand, protesting, "Impossible, Master! That can never be!"²³ But Jesus didn't swerve. "Peter, get out of my way. Satan, get lost. You have no idea how God works." ²⁴⁻²⁶ Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am.

Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?

27-28 "Don't be in such a hurry to go into business for yourself. Before you know it the Son of Man will arrive with all the splendor of his Father, accompanied by an army of angels. You'll get everything you have coming to you, a personal gift. This isn't pie in the sky by and by. Some of you standing here are going to see it take place, see the Son of Man in kingdom glory."

- What is a World View? It is kind of like our Taste buds of the world... What looks right, Tastes right, Seems right... but world views can be tricky... Does this seem wrong? Why?

Take the quiz! Compare country size.
 Which of the images on both sides of this placemat are "area accurate?" How is the Hobo-Dyer projection below different from the one on the reverse side? Answers and details about all the images are at www.odt.org/hdp. To the right:
 (5) Van Sant's Geosphere,
 (6) Guelke's Toronto-centered projection,
 (7) the Oxford Globe, and
 (8) Goode's Homolosine



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The Hobo-Dyer Equal Area Projection
 This new map belongs to the family of Cylindrical Equal Area projections in which the latitude and longitude lines form a rectangular grid. Other projections in this family include the Lambert, Gall, Behrmann, Edwards, and Peters projections. In the present case the "cylinder" is assumed to wrap round the globe and cut through it at 37 $^{\circ}$ north and south. In order to preserve the equal area property the shapes of the landmasses become progressively flattened towards the poles, but shapes between 45 $^{\circ}$ north and south are well preserved.

What if things were turned on their heads?

- God looks at the inside of people, straight to their hearts... that is why he picked David!
- We look at the outside and reward people as such... Athletes, Actors, and the like get our attention and Money, What if teachers got that much ? Key and Peele help us to see this...(thanks Anesia)

Did Jesus' Bait and Switch?

Bil talked Last week about How Jesus asked one question to get to the real deal- who do you think I am? Peter got it right- He is the expected Christ, but only God could have shown him.

Now Jesus clarifies what it means to be God's Christ- to suffer! Peter didn't like that. His image of the Christ was to be King... This up and down concerning this idea dogs Peter for most of his life...



They (we) wanted a King, God gave us a Savior

Jews (who get their name from one of the 12 Tribes of Israel- Judah) didn't view the Christ like Christ did... God set them up to fail... They simply could not see it without His help because it goes counter to worldly wisdom. They wanted Michael Jordan, Saul, George Washington, not some lowly Carpenter.

They were looking for a King to take down the Romans, not for a savior to save them from sin and give them purpose.

- **Jesus' Public Ministry Luke 4: 14-30**
NASB

- And the [e]book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the [f]book and found the place where it was written,

- 18 **“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, 19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”**

- 20 And He closed the [g]book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your [h]hearing.”

Why did Jesus end at vengeance? , why did he leave out mourning?

Is, 42:: “Behold, My Servant, whom I [a]uphold; My chosen one *in whom* My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the [b]nations....He will faithfully bring forth justice.⁴ “He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth;⁸

- **Exaltation of the Afflicted Isiah 61**

61 The Spirit of the Lord [a]GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the [b]afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to captives And [c]freedom to prisoners;

² To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD **And the day of vengeance of our God;** To comfort all who mourn,

³ To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called [d]oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

God is looking for followers on His terms! Not the Foolish

- Romans 1:21

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their **foolish** heart was darkened.

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles **foolishness**,

- 1 Corinthians 1:27

but God has chosen the **foolish** things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

- Jesus told Peter-
the man he said
upon this rock I
will build my
church- you have
no Idea how God
works! Get behind
me Satan! The
Jews missed it...
do we?

Discipleship is Expensive...

- **I will suffer and Die, You will too!
Embrace the pain...**
- **True Value- not just the name of a hardware store... What is the value of your soul? More than “justice” on Romans...**
- **We are on the Titanic with Cancer, and want the captain/doctor to get concerned with the guy who stubbed our toe.**

Matt 16:28

- 28 “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”
- Really Lord.. Another one... a stumbling block to so many... Including C.S. Lewis! It probably doesn't mean his resurrection, it could mean the destruction of the Temple, The aorist tense is one way out of this one... but it is a stumbling block... you could have made this easy, but no, we have to trust you on your terms, in Faith, that you reveal in us who take on your adventure 11

Why New Wine Skins

And why the rejection of them...?

- Many of us have heard the parable in Luke 5:36-39
- 36 And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. 38 "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'" (NAS)*

- In Jesus' times, wine was stored in wineskins, not bottles. Wineskins were actually the skins of sheep and goats that were sewn together except at the neck, which served as the neck of the container. The skins were filled, and the neck then sewn closed. New wine poured into skins was still fermenting which produces gas (carbon dioxide). The gases exerted gage pressure. New wineskins were elastic enough to take the pressure, but old wine skins easily burst because they were hard. Old skins would not work, since they had already been stretched and were no longer elastic. Therefore one must use new wineskins for new wine. By [Charles King](#) source <http://www.ezinearticles.com/?New-Wine,-New-Wineskins,-New-Cloth,-and-Old-Wine-&id=335850>

Some components needed to become Change Agents for God

God is doing new things, and what we need in order to be Godly Change Agents is...

1. Prophetic Passion. Get excited about the new wine and Skins he has given you AND others. This Passion about the new things He is doing is central in you breaking free from Luke 7:39... So you don't fall in love with the old wine in your life. Seeing the new things God is doing in others and how you relate to it is one way God confirms your new wine really connects to the body and is not just something you are doing on your own. Remember Change does not come easy, and sometimes the better idea loses if people don't fight for it. In order to fight over the long term you must be convinced that you are doing the right thing. Having a prophetic discernment of what God is calling us to do is key.

Component #2

2. Priority on Him and the adventure He has for us, not the one we want or think is right- His agenda has to come first, but it can be fun,

especially since he is with us! Spend time at His throne... Getting close to God, our only real #1 priority... This seems trite and cliché at times but it cannot be over When we get at God's Throne, we not only sit at His feet like Mary did getting the Good Part and putting first things first, we also get to see what God is doing... even if it's reprimanding Martha for focusing on Thanksgiving dinner more than Thanksgiving...



New Wine Skins isn't paying Teachers more, it is Loving fully, not legalistically!

- The movie up made that clear...
- Carl Loves,
- Carl loses,
- Carl keeps his promise (He thinks),
- Carl remembers the Spirit of the Promise, not the letter and
- continues his adventure Russell and others.



Component #3

Practical Paradigms. Develop and use biblical frameworks and models of practical living and discipleship but don't get stuck in a rut or in pride... ..Paradigms are like family traditions...

1. What Things can we do in our personal lives and families to help people value the right things? One I think about is sending cards...
2. What things do you feel you don't see like God does- like success, material gain, comfort, fame? What about suffering?
3. Write down one thing to ask God to help you see correctly. Write down one "squirrel*" that he Can help us overcome... (*distraction from the adventure) .

Thanks for listening to me...Saturday,

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