



Out With the Old

Series: Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

Scripture: Matthew 9:9-17

Parable = *parabole* = “to place _____”

The old patterns don't fit because....

- _____ when Jesus came.
- Fasting for both groups (v14)
 - Pharisees
 - John the Baptist's disciples
- Jesus is the _____
 - Isaiah 53:8
- We fast in _____, waiting for the Savior to _____.

The old is _____ with the new.

- Un-shrunk cloth
- Old vs New Wine skins
- Jeremiah 31:31-34

Your life must _____ to _____ Christ.

- Change that only _____ can _____.
- Changes you _____ in _____ with God.
- You cannot come to Christ and _____ the _____ life you lived before Christ.

Start talking.

- What stood out to you most from the sermon or from Jesus' illustrations about fasting, cloth, and wineskins?
- What's your reaction when you hear the phrase "It's time to leave the old behind"?

Start thinking:

- Why do you think Jesus chose everyday images like weddings, clothing, and wineskins to explain the kingdom of God?
- How does Jesus' response to John's disciples show that His coming changed the way people relate to God?
- What does this passage teach us about the danger of trying to fit Jesus into old patterns instead of letting Him reshape our lives?

Start Sharing:

- Can you think of a time when God asked you to let go of something familiar in order to grow spiritually?
- Where do you sense God inviting you to trust Him with change rather than trying to control the outcome yourself?
- Are there areas where you've been tempted to follow Jesus while still holding on to old habits or ways of thinking?

Start Praying:

- Ask God to reveal any areas of your life that may be incompatible with His work in you.
- Pray for openness to the changes God wants to bring through His Spirit.
- Thank God for the new life and freedom that come through Jesus.

Lord, I give You my old ways, my burdens, and my spiritual deadness. I present them to You, the ultimate Physician, asking for Your transformative touch. Fill me with Your new wine, and help me become a fresh wineskin, ready for Your new work in my life, my business, and my relationships, making all things new. Help me to follow You completely, to desire Your will above all, and to live as a new creation, ready for the great wedding feast to come. Amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What is one "old" habit, mindset, or pattern God may be inviting you to release this week?
- What is one intentional step you can take to make room for Christ's transforming work?
- Commit to encouraging one another as you walk through this season of growth and change together.