Life Group Questions and Message Notes

1. How do you typically respond when you get delayed?
2. If God is doing a new thing, do you see it?
3. How hard is it for you to forget the former things and step out in faith?

Rivers in the Desert – Experiencing An Oasis of Blessing In The Middle of Life's Problems
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"Restore our fortunes, LORD, like streams in the Negev."
Psalm 126:4 (NIV)

"Do not remember the past events, pay no attention to things of old. Look, I am about to do something new; even now it is coming. Do you not see it? Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19 (HCSB)

- ## The Drought of Delay

  "But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

  "Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever He promises." Romans 4:20-21 (NLT)

- ## The Dust Storm of Doubt

  "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?…." Isaiah 43:19a (NIV)

- ## The Desert of Dead End

  "Indeed, I will make a way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:19b (HCSB)

- Step Out In Faith To Do Something New

  "Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!" Isaiah 43:18-19a (NIV)

  "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

- Place All Your Hope In God

  "… This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping – believing that he would become the father of many nations…." Romans 4:17b-18a (NLT)