

• **18 “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. 19 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. Isaiah 41:17-18**

• **Don’t dwell on the past. God’s getting ready to do a NEW THING!**

• **Blessed-** *To cause your life to go forward*

• **To cause your life to flow like a river.**

• **Abundant-** *More and better life- Over and above, more than enough To have a positive advantage*

• **Rivers– Overflowing, a torrent, a flood**

• **SUDDEN. WITHOUT MEASURE. CAN’T HOLD IT BACK!**

• **Thoughts on Rivers:**

• **Some rivers run above ground and some run underground.**

• Sometimes, we can easily see God’s blessing.

• Other times, we have to trust that it is flowing

• When you are flying, you can look down and see trees and greenery. A lot of times you cannot see a river flowing by the trees. But that doesn’t mean it is not there.

• ***Even when I can’t see it You’re working....***

• The river may not be obvious, but it is there! It’s flowing!

• **Not all rivers run in a straight line.**

• River is always moving forward.

• Sometimes the path of God’s blessing takes us on interesting turns.

• Satan attacked Joseph’s life

• His life continued to flow like a river.

• Even when our lives are knocked off course, the river still flows.

• **God’s promise is BIGGER than the bend in the river.**

• **You have no idea what’s waiting around the NEXT Turn.**

- **Every river has a source (head) and an exit (mouth).**
- Snowflake lands on the peak of the Andes Mountain range. When the temperatures rise, those individual flakes melt, forming tiny streams. Those tiny streams merge together to feed bigger streams. Those larger streams flow into the largest river in the world—the mighty Amazon River.
- The Amazon didn't start as the largest river in the world ... it started as one snowflake.
- Yet it releases the largest volume of water into the ocean of any other river on earth. The force and volume of the Amazon is so strong that its freshwater flow pushes back the salty ocean waters of the Atlantic for about 250 miles! It is said to even change the color of the Atlantic Ocean water in an area covering nearly 1 million square miles.
- What came out of the mouth of the Amazon is what went into the head.

- **It doesn't come out of the mouth if it doesn't get into the head.**
- **Even when a river is dry, it is still a river.**
  - At times in your life, it may seem like nothing is happening, or people may say “nothing is happening for you”, but that is not true. Just because your life looks dry does not mean your life is not a river.
- **You are still a river!**
- ***Psalms 126:4 Restore our fortunes, Lord, like watercourses in the Negev. 5 Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. 6 Though one goes along weeping, carrying the bag of seed, he will surely come back with shouts of joy, carrying his sheaves.***
- **Seasonal streams**
- **Restore back that which was lost when we were invaded by the enemy.**
- Dry until there is a storm.

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**BACK!**

- **Those who sow in tears**
- *The streams pictured are the wadis, which turn into flash floods when fed by cloudbursts.*
- **Don't stop moving in the face of your problem.**
  - Worshipping, praising, serving, Cause when He changes the season- everything you sowed in the problem will be reaped in the fulfillment of the PROMISE!
- **The greater the tears, the greater the joy.**
- The more crying that has been done. The more joy is going to follow!
- ***If you've been in a season of tears- Has anyone had to cry this year? Tears of pain. Tears of worry. Tears of fear.***
  - **Don't rain on me if you want to contain me.**

• I'm here to declare that you're stepping into a season of reaping.

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