



Reflection on the theme “New Season, New Creation” by Tina Andrade

I have a sense that God is calling us to something new. There’s a sense of urgency to abandon complacency, embrace His courage and step out into new opportunities that He is providing. While tradition is important, these are new times calling for different ways of relating to His people. God is calling us to be open to his Spirit leading us in new ways.

The scripture that I’ve been getting is Matthew 9:16-17. As the disciples are talking about fasting: “No one patches an old cloak with a piece of unshrunk cloth, for its fullness pulls away from the cloak and the tear gets worse. People do not put new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. Rather they pour new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

The Body of Christ is broken and separated. We can't put new ideas into old mind-sets. We can't ... It is a time of reflection for us, a time to take stock to evaluate where we are and to embrace new directions. While the need for sacrifice does not disappear, the Lord calls us to be motivated by His love and mercy to draw all to Him to bring New Life. The Lord’s mercies are new every morning and we need to be open to the fresh winds of the Spirit.

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