

Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

All Things New - Part 2

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Introduction

We are made new when we invite Jesus Christ to rule over our lives. As the apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, when we are ready to receive the new, the old has to go. During the message, Pastor Dale uses building demolition as a metaphor in starting the pathway of personal renewal. Brokenness needs to come our way first. We are blessed because instead of a big wrecking ball, God breaks us with His grace. And He is the only one that can renew us.

Read

2 Corinthians 5:17

Discuss

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “demolition” or “knock down rebuild”? In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Paul talks about the renewal, or the knock down rebuild of our hearts. How might this look like to you?
2. Read Galatians 2:20. “My old self has been crucified with Christ”. Brokenness, through the grace of God, needs to come our way before personal renewal can take place. How have you experienced this in the past? Share your story!
3. Read John 5:19 & 30. When you find yourself in a situation where you can’t do something, do you tend to admit or conceal it? How has that influenced your trust in the Father?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-11. Paul writes that when Jesus lives in us, we are fragile clay jars containing great treasure. With what’s happening in your life today, do these verses give you encouragement? Why or why not?

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5. In our pathway of personal renewal, knockdown means repenting of our sins, changing our minds from doing life our own way, and turning to God so we can do it His way. What are some areas in life that you find it difficult to surrender to Him?
6. Read Philippians 3:12-14. What practical steps can you make as a group to encourage each other to press on in this pathway of personal renewal?

Respond

It is not in our nature to reveal our brokenness to others, or even to let God break into what we think is our tough exterior. Take a moment to have a quiet time between you and God. Is there one very specific area that you need Him to break into this year? Is there an area that He needs to Renew?