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Newness comes with stretching. It will be taxing on you. New possibilities and responsibilities will come your way, opportunities disguised as challenges. Look at the treasure underneath the trash.

The children of Israel in captivity were facing humiliating circumstances when Isaiah told them to rejoice, to enlarge their tents and strengthen their stakes. They must have thought the prophet was out of his mind. How could Isaiah expect them to rejoice under the circumstances?

Perhaps you are coming from a sloppy yesteryear and nothing is looking up yet. You could be facing the worst season of your life. Then you hear it's a new season and wonder how? How could things possibly turn around?

Don't limit the sovereign God who rules and reigns. When we say magnify the Lord, we are saying, *'Lord, may your greatness come to bear in these circumstances. May your glory be seen in my situation'* .

Get a new perspective of God; know whom you have believed. May God be magnified in your life, in your situation. May the glory of God come to bear in your situation this year. Allow the majesty of God to come to bear in your circumstances.

Don't become a prisoner of your circumstances and your past. God is doing a new thing. Lazarus was dead and buried; Jesus told his sisters that *'even now, if you believe, you will see the glory of God'*.

Dare to believe. Your dreams may look dead and buried. But even now, if you believe, you will see the glory of God. God is able to do immeasurably more, above all you can think or imagine.

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