

New Wine Calls for New Wineskins

SERMON NOTES

Mark 2:18-28 • Stacy Sublett



Perspective is important.

¹⁸Once when John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting, some people came to Jesus and asked, "Why don't your disciples fast like John's disciples and the Pharisees do?" ¹⁹Jesus replied, "Do wedding guests fast while celebrating with the groom? Of course not. They can't fast while the groom is with them. ²⁰But someday the groom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast.

²¹Besides, who would patch old clothing with new cloth? For the new patch would shrink and rip away from the old cloth, leaving an even bigger tear than before. ²²And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. For the wine would burst the wineskins, and the wine and the skins would both be lost. New wine calls for new wineskins."

Mark 2:18-22 (NLT)

HOW DOES JESUS RESPOND WHEN HE IS QUESTIONED?

THE MARK OF JESUS: Pointing People to the Heart of God

Where am I being challenged by Jesus to stretch and grow, to move toward the heart of God?

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON FASTING:

Not fasting to mourn.

Fasting because they have tasted God's goodness.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON SABBATH:

Not keeping the Sabbath because it's the Law.

The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of the people.

THE MARK OF JESUS: Practicing Spiritual Disciplines

WHAT SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES AM I PRACTICING THAT ARE BRINGING ME LIFE?

old cloth — new patch

old wineskin — new wine

PERSPECTIVE SHIFT:

JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW, NOT DO AWAY WITH IT.

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved." Matthew 5:17-18 (NLT)

Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. Romans 3:19-20 (NLT)

THE MARK OF JESUS: Moving from Ritual to Relationship

IS MY LIFE MARKED BY RITUAL DUTY, OR BY RELATIONAL VITALITY?

upcoming events

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Sat	3/6-20	---	Dominican Republic Mission Trip
		6:30pm	No Table Worship Gathering
Sun	3/7	9:15am	Combined Traditions & Classic Gatherings
		11am	Combined Midtown 9am & 11am Gatherings
Fri-Sun	3/12-14	---	NYC Spring Break Service Trip
Sun	3/14	11am	Combined Midtown 9am & 11am Gatherings
Mon	3/15	3pm	AFM Order Deadline
Sat	3/20	8:30am	AFM Distribution Day
Thurs	4/1	6:15am	Men's Ministry - 12wk Series Begins
Sat/Sun	4/17-18	---	CityServe Weekend
Mon	6/28-7/2	---	Calvary's Sports Camp

**This list does not include recurring events. Check Calvary's calendar for a complete listing: www.calvarysc.org/calendar*

A Closer Look

3/15 - Angel Food Blessing Boxes: Consider ordering an Angel Food Box for someone in the community! We have a waiting list of those who need a box... Contact angelfood@calvarysc.org or pick up an AFM brochure in the lobby for more details. March deadline = 3/15. Also, check out the new After School & 4x4 boxes offered this month! www.calvarysc.org/angelfood

Mission Trips Going On! Keep teams serving the Dominican Republic and NYC in your prayers this spring break week as well as a host of others who are off on a serving adventure with God!

myCalvary: Check out our online church community builder. Go to www.calvarysc.org and click on myCalvary. You can update your photo and contact info so that other Calvary attendees can keep in touch with you. Q's, contact kay@calvarysc.org (ext. 25).

New to Calvary? Welcome! Please pick up a Guest Guide in the lobby.

THE WEEKLY

3.6-7.10

MEMBER OF THE STATE COLLEGE CITY-CHURCH

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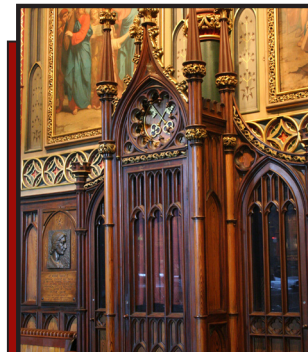
Last weekend, a few Christians conducted a confessional booth downtown during State Patty's Day... but this wasn't just any kind of confessional booth. Read on to find out how God is moving in our city..

"Over Christmas break, through the book Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller, God challenged me to do something really bold for His glory. He asked me to organize a "reverse confessional booth" on State Patty's Day. The idea is that there is a Christian inside of the booth who confesses the ways that they, the Church, and the Christian community have wrongly portrayed Christ to an individual who enters the booth. There have been so many things done in the name of Christ that have not accurately portrayed Christ. For example, we apologized for being judgmental, for televangelists, and for the Crusades. We apologized for the HUB and Willard preachers who don't accurately represent Christ and that we're sorry for not standing up to them with what is Truth.

The process of organizing this event was truly guided by God. I was immediately connected with Steve Lutz, CCO staff member, who had done this twice at Temple. He connected me with Erica Reitz, Doulos director, and Dan Nold, Calvary pastor. The three of them had also been talking about doing a confessional booth. It was apparent that God wanted this to happen! With the help of several other Calvary people, including Steve Brown and Robert Stottlemyer, we were able to build the booth and organize drinks and snacks to be passed out in addition to having the booth.

The theme of the day for me was boldness. We were downtown at the Allen Street gates where we certainly couldn't be missed. We had a large booth and a table full of goodies. We were hoping to attract some attention. There were about 40 people who actually entered the booth that day but hundreds more that we were able to talk to and share our message with. We didn't hold anything back. We humbled ourselves and apologized. God truly worked through us. We saw men and women leave the booth in tears; we had hour-long conversations; we served God and our community. I've never been more convinced of the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of His control."

-Terri Creech



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